

## Intercessions for Sunday October 11/20

In our prayers this week we remember those in our community who have asked for our prayers, including Wayne, John, Lorraine, Marion, Sabrina.

In the midst of a pandemic and world chaos, let us pause and give thanks to God our Father for His never-ending gifts and blessings.

Following each prayer I will say, “ Gracious God, “  
and your response is “We thank You, Lord.”

Lord God, the Bible tells us that nothing can separate us from Your love. Some days, God, we're too busy, too fearful, in too much pain to feel or even sense Your love for us. But in those very moments You do love us. And there are other times, O Lord, when we feel Your closeness, and we snuggle in, letting the warmth of Your love surround us. And in those moments too, Your love pours forth.

For the truth is that neither the pandemic, nor world chaos, nor our own loss of hope can separate us from Your love, no matter what we are going through or how we feel. Gracious God,  
R-We thank You, Lord.

Creator God, they say that our staying at home has given the earth a rest from pollution and poison. We look around and see the beauty of the fall trees reflecting on the lake: brilliant orange , red, yellow and green. We can smell the crispness of the morning. We hear chickadees and geese raising their voices in praise to You. We taste the yumminess of fresh sweet corn, pumpkin, and crisp juicy apples. We feel the crunch of leaves under our shoes. It is all so beautiful, these good gifts that You have created, Lord. Gracious God,  
R- We thank You, Lord.

Lord, we are thankful for all those who have been looking after us during this disturbing time: garbage collectors, bus and taxi drivers, computer and sound system techs, cleaners, store clerks at the door offering hand sanitizer, those who sew masks. Gracious God,  
R-We thank You, Lord.

Jesus our Teacher and Leader, we are grateful for kids. Their giggles. Their sticky fingers and faces. Their curiosity and endless questions. Their

unending energy. And we give thanks for their teachers, who have been living day by day with the tremendous stress of Covid-related changes to education.

Gracious God,

R- We thank You, Lord.

Jesus our Great Physician

We give thanks for Your love and healing throughout the world, giving heartfelt thanks for each and every person who makes it safely home from the hospital after Covid. And we give special thanks for Your care of those we know and love who need Your healing at this time. We are grateful for all those who care for the sick, the elderly and the needy.

Gracious God

R-We thank You, Lord.

Father God,

At times we can't visit our families and friends, can't hug and kiss them, can't hold big family parties and invite them. We can't always visit folks in the long term care home. But it has made us so grateful, O God, for every single moment that we CAN stay connected: for every phone call, for every Zoom meeting, for every socially distanced visit. We are so grateful.

Gracious God.

R- We thank You, Lord.

Lord God, Your Ascension People love You, and we are grateful to You, for each other, for Your unending love, and for our little Ascension church home.

Gracious God,

We thank You, Lord.

Amen.