**Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving – 29 August 2021**

A Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer.

***A brief silence.***

P We pray for the **Reverend Polycarp Zongo** a **Nigerian** pastor who was kidnapped and held for seven months by members of the terrorist group **Islamic State West Africa Province** (ISWAP) until his release in June. Heal him in both mind and body as he recuperates from this ordeal. Word of God Word of life**/HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

A Bring home safely the 65 students from **Bethel Baptist High School in Nigeria's northern state of Kaduna** still held by **Radical Fulani Muslims.** Thank You for the 15 who were released last week. And comfort the families of the six students who have died of undisclosed illness. Word of God Word of life**/HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

P We thank You for the young adults who have served in Lutheran outdoor ministries this summer. We hope that they will continue to respond to Your call to use their experience, gifts and passion for doing Your work in other settings and ministries throughout the year. Word of God Word of life**/HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

A We persist in praying for **Mariyam Yohannis, Wycliffe Bible Translator.** Bless her with Your grace and favor when challenges or obstacles appear. **Word of life Word of Life/HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

PWe pray for **Addis Kidan Ethiopian Evangelical Church, Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jesus mi Senor, Remnant Church - San Diego, St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church,** and **the Welcome Ministry of El Cajon,**

fill us with Your goodness and truth, making us hearers **and** doers of the word. **Word of God Word of life/HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

A We pray for all who are affected by wildfires, especially those affected by the **Dixie fire in Northern California** and the **Richard Spring Fire in Montana**: Comfort residents in their hours of uncertainty. Protect every firefighter & medical responder and give them a full measure of courage for the task ahead of them. Give every government official knowledge, wisdom, and discernment to make decisions that will benefit the residents and the land. **Word of God Word of life/HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

P Lord, we pray for the **Santee** and the **San Diego Unified School Districts**:

 Ease the anxiety of students going back to school amidst the pandemic. Keep safe those returning to in-person classes. Ensure that every child has enough to eat, a supportive network of friends and family, and perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength.

 Grant parents & caregivers wisdom about which schooling option to choose. Provide for them physically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially. Lead them to a support system that they can turn to when the challenges of life are overwhelming.

 Grant staff & teachers supernatural peace and discernment. Help school district leaders plan for the safety of every staff person on every school campus. And rally the community around our schools to provide the sanitization, supplies, and emotional support needed by our teachers and school staff as they educate our children. **Word of God Word of life/HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

A We persist in praying for **Ryan Morris** imprisoned, but forgiven. Keep him safe as he serves his sentence and keep his family hopeful and strong. And during this COVID-19 pandemic, watch over all Your detained and imprisoned children. **Word of God Word of life/HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

P We pray **for President Joseph Biden, Governor Gavin Newsome, and Mayors Bill Wells & Todd Gloria**. Help them to understand how their good works, words, and faith — even when unseen or unappreciated in their lifetimes — can have profound, far-reaching impact. **Word of God Word of life/HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

IPL We pray for **all who need Your presence**. Bring peace and comfort to all those in need. Lighten the loads of those who have heavy burdens. Rejoice with those who are thankful. Strengthen the weak. Especially we pray for...

**(NAMES ON YOUR LIST)**

all those we remember now, either silently in our hearts or aloud with our lips**…**

**(SILENCE)**

**Word of God Word of life/HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

P We thank You for the saints of each past generation, one with us still in one body, one great congregation; We remember

 **Jeanne Jugan, foundress of the**

 **Little Sisters of the Poor**

 **John Bunyan, author, preacher**

 **Viola Esther Mueller**

**Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, bishop,**

 **renewer of the church**

 **Eva L. Beale**

 **and Ethel Mabel Elliott\***

with them we proclaim Jesus forever the same, Author of life and salvation. **Word of God Word of life/HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

P Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C AMEN.

**\*indented names are from the Memorial List at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church and part of the prayers there. St. John’s does not maintain a memorial list at this time.**