**Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving – 03 October 2021**

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

***A brief silence.***

P We pray for **Christians in Bangladesh,** Make bold and protect Christians actively sharing their faith in the north; strengthen and comfort those suffering mental and emotional persecution; raise up a front-line worker to conduct retreats; and encourage those who are working among the 1.3 million Rohingya refugees. Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

A We are grateful for the 10 students from **Bethel Baptist High School in Nigeria** who were released last week; and we continue to pray for the safe return of the **11 student remaining in captivity**. Comfort their parents. Bring their kidnappers to justice. Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

P We pray for congregational leaders, laypeople and health care professionals participating in the **Addiction & Faith Conference in Bloomington, Minn.** Inspire and further equip them to care for people who struggle with addiction, as well as their loved ones. Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

A We persist in praying for **Mariyam Yohannis, Wycliffe Bible Translator.** Lead her by Your Holy Spirit to recognize open door opportunities. **Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

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,**

that we greet each day with a sense of awe, gratitude and respect for creation, for the organisms and creatures that inhabit the earth, for our pets, and for humanity in all its diversity and complexity ― the handiwork of God entrusted to our care and love. **Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

A Be a sure refuge to all suffering from wildfires. Grant courage, protection, and favorable weather to firefighters and emergency responders; embrace with supportive communities all who are newly displaced or homeless; comfort those grieving all that has been destroyed and give patience to those who are anxious, not knowing when relief will come. Heal Your whole creation, that out of flame and ashes new growth will spring forth. **Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

P We pray for leaders of nations, especially in **Afghanistan, Ethiopia, and Israel/Palestine**, who are working toward diplomatic solutions to complex and deep-seated conflicts. Grant them persistence, mutual understanding and openness to reconciliation for the sake of people caught in the middle who suffer injustice, violence, displacement, division and poverty. **Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

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. **Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

P We pray **for President Joseph Biden, Governor Gavin Newsom, and mayors Bill Wells & Todd Gloria**. Help them to follow Your agenda for our nation, state, and cities. **Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

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)**

**Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

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

**Francis of Assisi,**

**renewer of the Church**

**Theodor Fliedner,**

**renewer of society**

**William Tyndale,**

**translator, martyr**

**Roy Bickel**

**Henry Melchior Muhlenberg,**

**pastor in North America**

**Evelyn Duty**

**William R. Hamersly**

**and Massie L. Kennard,**

**renewer of the Church\***

with them we proclaim Jesus forever the same, Author of life and salvation. **Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

P Into Your hands, O Holy One, we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in Your abundant and abiding mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.**