**Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving – 24 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 Burkina Faso.** Strengthen Christian leaders as they stand boldly for Christ; bless those involved in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting, which continue despite Islamist attacks; provide for internally displaced Christians, who have suffered tremendous loss; build unity and increase wisdom among those facing persecution, and bring peace and restoration to **Burkina Faso**. Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

A We are grateful for those students and staff **Bethel Baptist High School in Nigeria** who have been released; and we continue to pray for the safe return of the **4 students remaining in captivity**. Comfort their parents. Bring their kidnappers to justice. Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

P We give thanks for the work of congregations, synods, individuals, and agencies in welcoming and accompanying immigrants and refugees as part of the **ELCA’s AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Opportunities).** Open our eyes and hearts to our part in this compassionate ministry. Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

A We persist in praying for **Mariyam Yohannis, Wycliffe Bible Translator.** Make her bold to overcome the fear of embarrassment or failure. **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,**

Teach us to appreciate life and see each day as an opportunity to do Your work in the world — serving our neighbor, sharing our faith and expressing our gratitude for Your steadfast love and compassion. **Hear us, O God / YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

A Be a sure refuge to all suffering from the **Newell, Kettle & View fires.** 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 understand how their good works, words, and faith — even when unseen or unappreciated in their lifetimes — can have profound, far-reaching impact. **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

 **Richard D. Linklater**

 **Jeannette Harter**

 **Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann,**

 **Paul Gerhardt, hymnwriters**

 **Cornelia S. Peterson**

 **Charles Reed**

 **Bernece Sather**

**Saint Simon and Saint Jude, apostles**

**Glenn Edward Snodgrass**

**Clinton John Bolin**

**Wilhelmina Anderson**

**and David Andrew Peterson, Sr.\***

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.**