**Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving – 28 November 2021**

A Filled with expectation and longing, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

***A brief silence.***

P We pray for **Christians in Comoros.** Raise up bold evangelists among the **Malagasy** people to reach out to the **Comorian** people; give wisdom to Christian workers as they minister; provide for the translation of the Bible into **Comorian** dialects; strengthen new believers who are persecuted and ostracized when they come to faith; and help leaders, pastors and Christians who have been displaced to rebuild their lives. Lord, in Your mercy/ HEAR OUR PRAYER.

A We are grateful that one more student from **Bethel Baptist High School in Nigeria** has been released; and we continue to pray for the safe return of the **3 students remaining in captivity**. Comfort their parents. Bring their kidnappers to justice. Lord, in Your mercy/ HEAR OUR PRAYER.

P Looking forward to the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**, we pray that we will grow stronger and more aware in our church’s commitment to seek full inclusion and equitable participation of all people within the life of society and the church. Lord, in Your mercy/ HEAR OUR PRAYER.

A We persist in praying for **Mariyam Yohannis, Wycliffe Bible Translator,** who has been evacuated to **Nairobi, Kenya**, and is awaiting an e-visa to travel to **Malawi** where she will join the Trauma Healing team. And give her courage and strength as she teaches Bible Stories in **Swahili** for the 1st time. **Lord, in Your mercy/ 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,** help us to be eager to share the gospel and will welcome the Spirit to use our gifts, abilities, insights and life experiences to prepare the way for others to believe in Christ. **Lord, in Your mercy/ HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

A On this **first Sunday of Advent**, we thank You for **Advent** wreaths and other faith traditions that remember and celebrate Your dwelling among us in Jesus, Your gift of eternal life, and Jesus’ enduring presence and light in the world and within us. **Lord, in Your mercy/ HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

P We pray for leaders of nations, especially in **Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Israel/Palestine, and Myanmar**, 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. **Lord, in Your mercy/ 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. **Lord, in Your mercy/ HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

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. **Lord, in Your mercy/ 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)**

**Lord, in Your mercy/ 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

**Saint Andrew, apostle**

**Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia**

**The Reverend Karl E. Kniseley**

**and Margaret Mann**

with them we proclaim Jesus forever the same, Author of life and salvation. **Lord, in Your mercy/ HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

P Hear the prayers of Your people, O God, and in Your mercy grant us all we need, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C AMEN.