

*We do not know the wisdom of God nor what the Lord intends. But we do know God's mercy. So we confidently gather our needs and present them to God, the Father, saying: **Lord hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of the church, especially our bishop Todd, Robert our rector, and Tom and Stephanie our deacons, that they may be single-hearted in love of the Lord and in service to the people, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the imprisoned and the oppressed, the solitary and the unwanted, that they may know the love of Christ in the care of the Christian community, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who decide to follow Jesus, that they may keep sight of his cross and the joy it holds for them, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who live far from family and friends, that they may find companionship and friendship, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the young who are searching for their lives, and for those who seek honest work, that they may have the wisdom to know their gifts and use them for the human community, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all who make decisions of consequence, that they seek the Lord and choose what will bring life, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all who celebrate birthdays, especially **Jane McDonald, Rosemary Reid, Harry Brightwell, Barbara Hargin-Guest, Eric Whittemore, Noah Phibbs** that they give hearty thanks for their many blessings, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all in any need especially **Nikki, Rob, Elaine, Richard, Ted, Olivia, James, Celal, Maggie, Beryl, Pat, Susan, Taylor, Kim, Judy, Jeremy, Gwen, Dianne, Gary, Louise, Jenna, Alan, Jennifer, Anne, Virginia, Joan, Marian, Mary, Josh, Laurie, Jane**, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the dead and bereaved, especially **Kathy and Christine**, we pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

*Loving Creator, you are our life and our prosperity. We who make mighty plans know that before you they are little. Fill us with your wisdom; hear us and the needs of all the world, that we may care well for your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.***