

*Let us pray for the church and the world, saying: **Lord hear our prayer.***

Holy God, we pray for all your people, baptized in the name of Christ. Heal our divisions and give us one mind in Christ. For this we pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Remembering Todd our bishop, Robert and Tianna our priests, and Tom and Stephanie our deacons, we ask that you stir up your church to make the power of the cross known to all, that people everywhere may see your great light. For this we pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lift from all people the burdens of poverty, war and injustice. Break every rod of oppression throughout the earth. For this we pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Guide those who make and execute our laws, and those who maintain our safety, that all people may know their worth as your creation. For this we pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us to care for the poor, the imprisoned, and all who suffer. Open our hands and hearts to embrace all who are in need, especially on our hearts that we name aloud or remember in silence. *(Pause for count of 10-20 seconds)* For them we pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

We remember before you **Jim and Isabel Ayers** and all whom we love but see no more. Give them eternal rest. For this we pray to you O Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

*O God, you revealed your will to prophets and sages. By your Holy Spirit, show us how to serve you today, that all nations may know you in our love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*