

Prayers

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, you claim and redeem us through the love of Jesus. Strengthen us through your Word to be a people who share your love as food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, lifesaving aid for those in crisis, and hope for our neighbors near and far. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, you move us from fear to love, from scarcity to abundance, from despair to hope. Hear us as we pray for all of your creation...

Lord, we pray for our neighbors around the world who are finding their way through the aftermath of a natural disaster and for those who live in fear of future destruction. As you once calmed the wind and the sea, calm hearts and minds with the promise of your protection. Grant wisdom to local governments and relief workers as they reach out with compassion to those in need. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

Lord, we pray for the neighbors you call us to serve, especially those with whom we share your love in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Bring peace to all who live with the ever-present threat of conflict. Provide daily bread to all who are hungry. Bring forth clean water for all your children. Strengthen communities and livelihoods and break in with a future of hope and abundance. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

Lord, we give you thanks for the staff of Lutheran World Relief and our local partners in countries throughout the world who bring your love in real, tangible ways to our neighbors living in poverty. Provide them the resources they need, fuel them with creativity as they face challenges, and fill them each day with energy and persistence to live out their calling to serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord, we give you thanks for Lutherans across the United States who have been reaching out with your love for the past 75 years to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. Empower us to continue sharing our generosity, our quilts and our hearts until that day when your kingdom comes and your love reaches every neighbor. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Good and gracious God, receive these gifts and use them for the sake of the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. Bless and multiply them until your love reaches every neighbor. Amen.



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