

Friends in Christ,
God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed or hesitant, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them, especially those we name now (**PLEASE PAUSE**

FOR 10 SECONDS WHILE PEOPLE CONSIDER NAMES AND SAY

THEM.) Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Open Cathedral. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Hear our prayers, that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors.

Amen.