

## **Prayer of the Church – 5.30.21 – Holy Trinity (Pentecost 1)**

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Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Renewing God, expand the reach of this congregation, so that we can be a light to many, and bear witness to your expansive love, especially during these times.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for the people of India and Brazil, suffering from the COVID surge. Be with peacemakers in areas of the world, where there is saber rattling such as Ukraine and parts of the Pacific and Indian oceans. Sustain and keep safe all who work to defend, safeguard, and promote the common good across the world, including our own **Patrick, Claire, Scott, Nate, Carter, Jonathon, Alex, Carson, Jackson, and Erica.** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

God of ventures, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless our missionaries: **Megan and Mark Mantey and Krista and Joel Young in Africa, Lutheran Braille Workers, Bethania Kids in India, Pastor Jon Diefenthaler and Lutheran World Relief,** and the many other missionaries and relief organizations we support financially and prayerfully.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your healing upon all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD, any other mental health concerns, and any other health issues, **especially our own Lesley, Donna, Martin, Michael, Alison, Lisa, Lilli, Jeanne, Jim, Donna, Chris, Pastor Eric Peterson, and Marilyn as well as our friends and family requesting our prayers,** that in the midst of hardships and suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We especially pray for **Joyce and Jay Jackson (Julie Schorfheide's friends)** as they mourn the loss of their son **Kyle**. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up the names today of our brothers and sisters to whom you have given life: Joan, Steven, and Emma. May their birthday celebrations and shared love of Christ reveal the Holy Spirit's love, life, and light in the midst of disease, destruction, desperation, and despair.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**