

## **Prayer of the Church – 6.6.21 – Pentecost 2**

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Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all.

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

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us, and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation.

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

God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. 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.**

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need, especially those struggling with covid in Latin America and South Asia. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. With your Spirit, strengthen and renew those suffering from health issues, **especially our own Lesley, Donna, Martin, Michael, Alison, Lisa, Lilli, 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.**

God of righteousness, we pray for this holy congregation of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people.

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

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy, especially **Henriette Lund (Nemeh Azzam's teacher and mentor).**

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

We lift up the names today of our brothers and sisters to whom you have given life: **Karen, Kelly, Tambria, Matthew, Greta, Piper, Kristen, Steven, Jill, Janet, and Goodwyn.** 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.**