

Prayers of the People (Brief) Sunday.12.15.2024

This Sunday is the Cantata...and we have a lot of fabulous music going on. So, the Prayers of the People are brief...

Emmanuel—God With Us,

We need you to come. We are waiting...and...hoping for justice and peace...and so much more.

There are folks in need of healing—all the kinds—from inner traumatic wounds, to physical treatments and diseases, and those trying to be patient as they recover from surgeries and seasonal illnesses.

People are grieving—so much, dear Lord, for so many reasons. We especially remember Brian and Julie Kersten and family on the death of Brian's brother, David.

We pray for the wars around the world to end...for ceasefires...and preservation of life on all sides of all issues.

Help us learn and listen. Help us see things from multiple angles. Help us find ways forward that celebrate the humanity around the globe.

The story of Christmas...where all the outsiders become insiders reminds us that everyone matters—including us and all our kin.

Like all those folks before us, we are waiting for your light and love to change our world.

Come, Lord Jesus...and make all things new—restore the earth, empower us to love others in ways we haven't been able to do before, and bring peace among us, within us and around us. Amen.