

Sunday Prayers 10.26.2025

God of Scripture, In the Gospel today, the man said, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people." It is so easy for us to imagine we are better than...or not enough. It is so easy for us to not see ourselves in the face of the hungry...or the other...and yet, we are sometimes hungry...and we are sometimes the other. Guide us forward with your grace. Help us see you... and all your people as worthy of the life you have granted. And when we see, help us love...as you love. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Creation, the fall season is upon us and the colors of the leaves are filling our landscapes as they fall. The beauty of your creation is mesmerizing. As we are enchanted by the beauty, help us see the complexification of creation in a way that allows us to learn more about it, protect it, and work for justice for it. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Healing, No matter who we are, at some point we need healing. So, wherever we are on the human continuum of health and well being right now, please bring whatever healing is needed within us, within all whom we love, and within all whom most need your healing power. You are the healer of all ills...in us and out in the world we move in daily. We need your healing mercy. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Resurrection, Some of us are grieving—long ago losses as well as fresh new ones. We especially remember:

- Cheryl McWilliams, Josh & Danielle, Brayden and Rilynn, Courtney, Mikaela & Brandon, as they grieve the death of Mark—their husband, father and father-in-law and grandpa.
- Trace and Jane Clark Soper and family as they grieve the death of their brother-in-law, John Huggett and also, Jane's Dad, James Clark.
- The Parker family on the death of Terry Parker.
- The Paffenroth family on the death of Jerry.
- Rev. Yaheil Curry, the new Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and his family on the death of his Mom.

Hold these people in your amazing grace...as they mourn. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Grace, we need the leaders of this world to lead with love. Today we pray for all leaders around the globe as well as those in our midst: the President of the United States, the Governor of Wisconsin, the leaders of the village of Waunakee, the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, our Bishop—the one that leads the South Central Synod of Wisconsin. May they all lead with grace, mercy, and love. Your love. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Mercy, everyday you make us new. Everyday, our bodies are changing—always becoming—still growing into the fullness of all you have created us to be. Whether we are learning to walk, speaking first words, noticing new laugh lines or the depth of all that our eyes hold; when we see our own image, remind us...that our image is always a reflection of you. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, Gracious Lord, we commend all for whom we pray...and everything else we pray through sighs too deep for words. Amen.