

Sunday Prayers.5.3.2026

God of Easter,

The last line of the Gospel text this week says, “If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.” Wow! Really? Anything...in your name. Ah. That is the key. What do we do in your name? How do we live with your love? How do we breathe in your Spirit? Keep helping us navigate our faith...and our lives in this world. We need peace...within us...and among us...and all around the planet Earth. Guide us to that day with mercy and hope. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Healing, So many are dealing with bodies that are ill—and all of us...children included...are dealing with bodies that are growing and aging everyday. Being here, having a body is such a precious gift...and rare. Can we even comprehend the miracle that it is? Heal whatever need healing within us...and for those suffering acutely today, please bring peaceful relief and the kind of healing that is needed most. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Resurrection, grief is still real. We get that resurrection means that death no longer defines life and life itself has been redefined...but when someone we love dies, death seems so real...and harsh...and permanent. Guide us through the grief. Soften the pain of silenced voices. Surround us with memories...and gifts of grace. Remind us that your promise is real... even if from here...we cannot fully comprehend it. Today we remember...

- Gary, Laura and Amy Lippitt on the death of their wife and mom, Sheri.
- Sherry Johnson and family on the death of her Uncle Ken.
- Laura (Hoffman) Stingley and family on the death of Laura’s father-in-law, Al Stingly.

Hold these people and all who grieve this day...Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Hope, These young people—all of them—are stunning humans.— Cody, Mia, Maggie, Sam, Xander, Gibson, and Hayden. You made them. We get to live in community with them. Lucky us! Guide them forward with grace. Keep them close. Love them boldly...and all of us, too. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Peace, we pray for all who are involved in the conflicts in our world. We especially remember Logan Beem and his platoon as they serve in the Middle East. Keep them safe, their spirits lifted, their wisdom focused, their honor secure. Allow them to serve this country with dignity and integrity. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, Gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and believing in your promises. Amen.