

Sunday Prayers
June 21, 2026

Holy One, sometimes we get confused by all that is secular vs. that which is sacred. When we ponder it deeply, we remember that all of it is all of it. There is no line of distinction. All of the world is your sacred space. All of creation is your home made for us. We are your sacred people who sometimes imagine we live in a secular world. But we don't. We live in your world—all of it is shared....and, really, there is no greater gift. Thank you. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer....

Gracious God, you know the heavy things that weigh on our minds. You know the brokenness within our own bodies and souls. You know the physical, emotional and spiritual needs within us...and within all those we love. Heal us. All of us. Tend us with mercy. Make us whole. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Easter, death is so hard to understand. We try our best to avoid thinking about it...or imagining anyone we love having to experience it. And yet, we know what we know....that our earthly beings end in death. Lead us through that experience of death to the resurrection reality both now...and later. Today....and in the future. We especially lift the names of all who are grieving right now:

- The Hartwig Family on the death of Sandra.

Tend those who grieve, fill them with peace—the kind that passes all understanding. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious Father, this is the day we honor fathers...and all who parent with love and kindness. It is a made up holiday...but one that reminds us to give thanks for all the people in our lives that have helped us grow with grace and love. Not everyone has a perfect father...and some have fathers that were absolutely phenomenal. For all of that....hold everyone on this day. Bring on the celebrations wherever they are authentic and bring on the mercy wherever mercy is needed. Remind us that we are graced by amazing people that we might want to focus some gratitude on today. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy One, We know you know what makes the news. We know you know the dilemmas of this time and place in history. Help us be moved with mercy to love one another in fresh ways. We especially remember all of the sons and daughters serving in our military—especially those in the Middle East. We pray this day for Logan Beem, Noah Whippler, Riandro Vogt and all who serve alongside them. Keep them safe, hold them with mercy. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Creator of All That is, The storms around the country...sometimes here at home have been challenging. Power outages, roof damage, flooding, etc. We wonder. We worry. We are not always sure what to do to help make differences that our world needs. Please mend us, move us, and allow us the opportunities to make differences that matter. Help us heal the world. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, Gracious Lord, please receive all of us—our hopes, our dreams, our needs, our demands, our despair, our joy, our fears, and our longings—and help us find a way forward that is immersed in your grace. Amen.