

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
August 30, 2020

We offer our prayers together now, uniting our voices with Christ, who perfects our prayers.

Come, almighty King, and help us your name to sing, for you are a God of love. Come, incarnate Word, and make known your wonders to our souls, for you are a God of grace. Come, holy Comforter, and bear witness within every heart that we belong to you, for you are a God who creates fellowship. Come, triune God, that we might love and adore you all the days of our lives.

Hear our prayers for your world. O God our creator, you made all things in your wisdom, and in your love you save us. We pray for the whole creation. Overthrow evil powers, right what is wrong, feed and satisfy those who thirst for justice, so that all your children may freely enjoy the earth you have made and joyfully sing your praises. Hear our prayers for peace. We pray especially for Kenosha, Wisconsin, for the health and strength of Jacob Blake after his shooting by police, and for justice and peace in that city and across our nation.

Hear our prayers for those who are sick. Merciful God, you bear the pain of the world. Look with compassion on those who are sick. Lord, cheer them and so many of us by your Word and bring healing as a sign of your grace. Bring healing to Sufi, to Ruth, and to all who need your healing touch.

Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you, many of us suffering. Grant us patience during this time, that as we and those we love live with pain, disappointment, and frustration, we may realize that suffering is a part of life that you know intimately. Touch those of us in pain in our time of trial, hold us tenderly in your loving arms, and let us know you care. Renew us in our spirits, even when our bodies and minds are not being renewed, that we might be ever prepared to dwell in your eternal home, through our faith in you, Lord Jesus.

Lord, many students began a new school year in the last week or two, and many more will begin in the coming weeks. Many are moving away from home for the first time, many are switching to online learning or homeschooling, and many are anxious about the changes in education because of the COVID-19 pandemic. To all of these people, O Lord, grant your love, your care, and your peace. Give curiosity and eagerness to the students, comfort and strength to the parents, and energy, a sense of your calling, and wisdom to the teachers and school staff members. We pray for Christian schools and for public schools, for those in our neighborhood and for schools around the world.

Mighty God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray, accept our requests and further those that will bring about your purpose for the earth, through Jesus Christ, who rules over all things. Amen.