

PRAYERS

Rooted in Christ and grounded in the Spirit, we offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, **"You are loving in all your works."**

A brief silence.

Caring for the church throughout the world, we pray for ecumenical cooperation among the churches; for sustenance for assemblies that have been devastated by the coronavirus; and for insight as congregations resume their local programming. We pray for ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton, Synod Bishop Macholz, our new synod Bishop-elect Lee Miller, II, and our companion synods in Zimbabwe and Zambia; Pastor Paul Luisi and Concordia Lutheran in Watertown; and our congregation of Holy Trinity.

A brief silence.

Be near to all who call upon you, faithful God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Thanking God for summertime in nature, we pray for fruitful fields and healthy animals; for rain to nourish lands that face wildfires, drought, or excessive heat; and for lakes, especially our cherished Finger Lakes, rivers, and oceans to be free from pollution.

A brief silence.

Be near to all who call upon you, mighty God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Mindful of the family of nations, we pray for all who govern; for Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Africa, and other nations that are experiencing violence; for Germany and other nations devastated by climate change; for an increase of justice in our nation and around the world; and for the protection of the poor.

A brief silence.

Be near to all who call upon you, righteous God: **You are loving in all your works.**

On this Parents' Day, we pray for all parents, that they find joy in life with their children and resilience for their tasks. And on this commemoration of the apostle James, we pray for those who in his memory go on religious pilgrimages, that they be kept safe in their travels and be drawn ever closer to your heart.

A brief silence.

Be near to all who call upon you, gracious God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Aware of all who suffer, we pray for a world still facing the coronavirus; for persons without employment, or adequate housing, or wholesome meals, or available health care, or the embrace of loved ones. We pray for the residents of Tokyo and for the First Nations of Canada. We pray for all with hidden sorrows; for those who live in fear; for those named on our prayer list, and for all we name here before you...

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Be near to all who call upon you, compassionate God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Grateful for the witness of all who died in the faith, we pray that at the end we join with all the saints to share in your everlasting banquet.

A brief silence.

Be near to all who call upon you, eternal God: **You are loving in all your works.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**
