

Prayers of the People  
*St. Paul Lutheran Church*  
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Spirit, of abundant grace embolden us to pray for the church, those in need and all of creation.

*Pause*

God the beacon of the free, work through us to find ways to break the chains of the school to prison pipeline for our African American Brothers and Sisters. Be with teachers to reduce fear as they seek ways to keep potential disruptive students in the classroom so learning can provide radically improved futures. and We look toward a day when prisons are redemptive and our legal systems are fair for all. Guide us toward better choices

**GOD IN YOUR MERCY**

Creative God inspire the ministries of our bishops Elizabeth and Megan, our pastors Holly, Ned and Craig, vicar Paul and teaching parish student Andrew along with today's worship leader Brandon as they guide us. Refresh, encourage and revitalize them to lead us through the gospel message especially when it is risky or difficult.

**GOD IN YOUR MERCY**

God the sculptor of the mountains, jeweler of the heavens, miller of the land and source of living water, as you breathed life into Your creation rouse us from the slumber of our compliancy and set our sights on preserving, protecting and invigorating this beautiful gift You have entrusted to us.

## GOD IN YOUR MERCY

God of Peace, as the Olympics come to a close and the athletes return home, help these games inspire world leaders to work together to create a place where all can work, compete, live and thrive in safety without fear.

## GOD IN YOUR MERCY

**PRAYERS OF COMFORT** for Bob, Forrest, Victor, Vida and Christine as they mourn **Rudy's** (DeLeon) death, along with Pat Brown and the Werner family on the death of Jennifer's stepfather, **Harry Brown**; Brian Knittel as he grieves the death of **Lucy**. and our missionaries, Linda and family as they grieve **Mark Jacobson's** death.

**CONTINUING PRAYERS OF PEACE AND COMFORT** for family and friends of **Jack Simons, Doug Hanson, and Don Groskreutz**. May God's love ease the pain of their loss.

## GOD IN YOUR MERCY

Be with those that are weary with pain or illness, shine a light into the darkness of depression, rest for those nearing the end of life and comfort to those that love and care for them especially those named in our bulletin and our hearts and those we name aloud.

## GOD IN YOUR MERCY

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We pray for

**STEVE GATES, OLIVIA TYREMAN, SEMIRAMIS SHABBAS**

as they celebrate their birthdays this week. Bless them in the year ahead with your abundant grace and steadfast presence.

***God, in your mercy:***

We pray for

**SANDRA TURRETTA & MATTHEW TYREMAN**

as they celebrate their anniversary this week.

May they grow in their love for one another and may they be strengthened as a couple through your unfailing love for them.

***Christ, in your mercy:***

Loving God, we are confident that you know all that is in our hearts, hear the additional prayers of Your People that we ask aloud or hold them silently.