

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

As Black History Month comes to a close, we lift up and give thanks for our Black Brothers and Sisters who have shaped history in a variety of ways. Help us take what we have discovered, read, seen and learned this month and let it continue to spark curiosity and sharing, conversation and celebration, challenge and encouragement and carry this knowledge long past this single month of focus. Help us look closer and think bigger.

GOD IN YOUR MERCY

As we shout Alleluia from the mountain top today Be with our bishops Elizabeth and Megan, our pastors Holly, Ned and Craig, vicar Paul and teaching parish student Andrew along with today's worship leader Diane and our, sound engineers, and worship and music team as they lead us down the mountain and transform the season and prepare us to enter the wilderness of Lent.

GOD IN YOUR MERCY

As tensions tighten around the world and destruction and loss of life are occurring by the minute, strengthen world leaders so they can set aside the desire for power and allow them to hear

the cries of their people. Arm them with integrity, creativity and sound conscience.

GOD IN YOUR MERCY

As the Mountains and valleys sing your praise from gleaming oceans to wonderous deserts. Continue to dazzle us with sparkling sunsets and all of the wonders that surround us. Remind us that we share this jewel with other animals and creatures and an amazing array of lush plants and vibrant trees. Help us listen and learn how they live and adapt and protect the environment so we can be better stewards of this gift.

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**; 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, those undergoing cancer treatment or living with cancer, those awaiting a life giving transplant, shine a light into the darkness of depression, hold close those nearing the end of life and comfort to those that care for them especially those named in our bulletin and our hearts and those we now name aloud.

GOD IN YOUR MERCY

We pray for

**LAUREEN ANDREWS, PR. CRAIG MINICH, AMALIE
SORENSEN, HONORE PHILLIPS**

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

God, 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 verbally or hold silently.