

Prayers of the People

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Beloved friends, in this season of repentance and healing, we accept God's invitation to be ever-mindful of the needs of others, offering our prayers on behalf of God's community in the church and the world.

Loving God, let us rejoice and be glad in each new day we are given. Each day an opportunity to understand your creation anew, to experience love as wide as the sea, to make good on our promises to another, to rescue an insect sure to meet its demise on a busy sidewalk, to receive the warmth of the sunshine. Each day an opportunity to give thanks for the smaller blessings. God in your mercy

Almighty creator, we hear the stories and see the symbols, but our interpretation varies. May the stories passed down from our ancestors be heard in new ways and that these interpretations compel actions that weave the larger web of the divine hope and purpose you have for your children. God in your mercy

PRAYERS OF COMFORT for the family and friends of Kent Sulprizio as they grieve his death, and for 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 who are experiencing pain or illness, those undergoing cancer treatment or living with cancer, those awaiting a transplant, protect those who suffer from mental health issues, bring peace to those who are nearing life's end and comfort to those who usher and mourn their passing, especially those named in our bulletin and our hearts and those we now name aloud.

GOD IN YOUR MERCY

We pray for

JENNIFER SCHNEIDER, ALEC SIMAS

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

God, in your mercy:

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SHEBA & MICHAEL AABERG

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:

And hear now the additional prayers of your children...