

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 who is with us in our trials, give us discernment to know which tests are meant to bring our full engagement and which ones are asking us to let go. When we hesitate to act justly, give us courage, and when fearfully and impulsively strike out, give us forbearance.

God in your mercy

God who knows us, in our existence on this Earth teeming with life, potential, and variety, our souls can still feel abandoned, alone, cast out, and lost in the void. We give thanks that you have sent signs and companions who seek us out, catch our attention, see us for who we are, and call us back in. We know that as lost and desperate as it gets, you will never cease to reach out to us, using every method in your power to remind us we are loved and not alone.

God in your mercy

PRAYERS OF COMFORT 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

DEREK SUP, JUDITH PENCE, AND KIRSTEN THORUP

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

God, in your mercy:

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