

Prayers of the Church

4th Sunday in Lent

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. The bid will be “let us pray to the Lord” and the congregational reply is “Lord, have mercy.”

For this congregation, that in our time of weakness we may find our strength in you.
Let us pray to the Lord...

That we may not grow weary of our Lenten discipline, but may persevere in faith. Let us pray to the Lord...

For those afflicted by temptations and guilt, that they may look to the Savior for pardon and release. Let us pray to the Lord...

That in gratefulness for our salvation we may serve our neighbors with gladness in God's ways.
Let us pray to the Lord...

For those enduring wars throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land, and for communities in our own land that are in turmoil, that they may find peace and freedom. Let us pray to the Lord...

Holy Father, give Your Church pastors, bishops, and theologians who faithfully proclaim Your Word of Law and Gospel. Make them faithful, true, and bold. Let them find joy in Your service. We pray for our bishop, Dan Selbo, our General Secretary, Amy Little, as well as the staff of the North American Lutheran Church. We pray also for our Central Mission District, for our Atlantic Mission Region, for each of the congregations of the NALC, and especially today for Salem Lutheran Church in Elizabethville, Pennsylvania. Grant each of us the strength to confess Christ boldly before the world. Lord in Your mercy...

For those who are ill, especially Messiah members Beth Martin, Dick Miller, Dorothy Martin, Gordon Ebright, Marion Bowman, Nick Adams; and our friends Barry, Betsy, Bill & Janet, Brenda, Brian & Cindy, Daniel, Glen, Harry, Kristin, Mark, Mark, Matthew, Mikey, Peter, Randy & Dottie, Ruth, Sandy, Scott, Sharon, Pastor Ted, the family of Annabel Karnes, and those we name in our hearts (*pause for 30 seconds . . .*) that they may look to the Savior and live. Let us pray to the Lord...

For those who mourn, that they may believe in God's love in Christ and stand fast in the promise of eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord...

P: Heavenly Father, you are full of goodness and open to our prayers. Remember all whom we lift up before you this day, and remind us of the needs of all whom we might forget. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.