

Prayers of Intercession
January 19, 2025

Responsive Sentence for Baptism of Christ:

Assisting Minister: *"Let Us Walk."*

C: *... "In the Light of the Lord."*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

a brief silence

Mighty God, strengthen us as brothers and sisters in Christ, so that we may obey your will. Keep all ministers of shepherding leadership faithful to your Word so that they may speak your truth to their flocks. Inspire us to speak for Christ so that all would come to know your love. *"Let Us Walk." "In the Light of the Lord."*

God of love, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage and the union of man and woman to support and care for one another on life's journey. Just as Jesus provided for the needs of the bride and groom at the wedding in Cana, so also we ask that you would provide for the needs of all families, that they would be strong and faithful to one another and to you. *"Let Us Walk." "In the Light of the Lord."*

Heavenly Father, you care tenderly for all who suffer the infirmities of old age, illness, or injury of the body, and wounds to the mind and spirit. Be present to all who have any need of you for healing [especially for those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts.. ...]. Comfort them by your compassion even as they wait upon healing and health and give them relief from all that ails them. *"Let Us Walk." "In the Light of the Lord."*

Be with our nation and heal our divisions. We commend to you our President Joe Biden, President-Elect Donald Trump and our Governor Joshua Shapiro, and all who serve in elected or appointed positions in government. We ask your hand of blessing upon all our leaders of our military, and all our servicemen and women. Together let us proclaim.... "In God we trust." Lord, help us to be quick to listen to others while we remain strong to publicly express our concern for life, especially the most vulnerable, the preborn, children, elderly and the sick. Draw us all together in commitment to freedom, justice, and peace. *"Let Us Walk." "In the Light of the Lord."*

O Lord, shine a light on the path of peace in the darkness of war between Russia, Ukraine, Israel and Hamas and remove the evil of antisemitism and all ethnic hatred. We pray for every mercy and grace to all victims of violence. Swiftly bring recovery and healing. *"Let Us Walk." "In the Light of the Lord."*

We ask your blessing upon all congregations who proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and all pastors, especially for the N.A.L.C. and St. Paul Lutheran Church, York, PA. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *"Let Us Walk." "In the Light of the Lord."*