

Prayers of Intercession
July 6, 2025

Responsive Sentence for 4th Sunday after Pentecost:

Assisting Minister: *"Lord in your mercy ..."*

C: ***Hear our prayer."***

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

a brief silence

Gracious God, we pray for your whole church on earth. By the power of your Spirit, empower her to boldly proclaim in both words and deeds that the word of truth is near. *"Lord in your mercy ... **hear our prayer."***

Ever-present God, may all who are ill in body, mind, or spirit find comfort, hope, and healing in Christ's abiding presence. Through our actions of care and concern, may they experience the reality of your loving-kindness. [We pray especially for those we now name aloud or silently in our heart...].

Be with our nation and heal our divisions. We commend to you our President Donald Trump and our Governor Josh Shapiro, and all who serve in elected or appointed positions in government. We ask your hand of blessing upon all of our military leaders, and all of 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. *"Lord in your mercy ... **hear our prayer."***

O Lord, shine a light on the path of peace in the darkness of war between Russia and Ukraine, as well as Israel and Hamas and Iran. We ask you Lord to remove all attempts to undermine an end to war. We pray for every mercy and grace to all victims of violence. Swiftly bring recovery and healing. *"Lord in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**"*

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 the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Nazareth, PA. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *"Lord in your mercy ... **hear our prayer.**"*