Prayers 08-02-20

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world. *A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. Help us trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your good creation offers sustenance and life. Reverse the damage we have caused to the environment. Replenish ground water supplies. Provide rains in places of drought. Teach us to be good stewards of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You offer yourself to all nations and peoples, inviting everyone to abundant life. Empower us to bring your prophetic vision to fullness, to work together with leaders of other countries, and to work together within our country. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in any way, in body, heart, soul, and mind. We pray especially for those named by this community:

Peggy Anderson (*Aunt of Travis McBride, hospice*) **Anna** Arnold (sister of Karl Kuhn, undergoing treatment for throat cancer) **Judi** Bayer (friend of Deann Sherlock, cancer treatment) **Zephranie** Buetow (foster parenting & adoption challenges) **The family of Garrett** Brodersen (16-year-old, died in car accident 8/12) **Joe** Cesario (friend of the Boles, having surgery & is COVID-19 positive) Joey & Kristina Crook (healing & recovery, serious motorcycle accident on 6/5) **Bill** Doolin (friend of Eleanor Barrett, blindness) **Tammy** Dulen (friend of Eleanor Barrett, cancer returned) Judy Freels (in hospice at home) and Joy (her primary caregiver) Aoife Gallagher (West Walker neighbor, seriously ill) **Phyllis** Harmon *(friend of Eleanor Barrett, lung cancer)* **Kristin** Jackson *(friend of the Wielocks, healing)* Alberta Johnson (friend of Larry Kimpel, cancer) Jessica (niece of Chris Stefko, RN) **The Langston Family** (friends of Clair Anderson, dealing with COVID-19) Jessica & Lasse (niece of Chris Comella & her husband, Jessica has Hodgkins Lymphoma) Jordan Kimpel (son of Larry Kimpel, healing)

Katherine Kuhn *(healing)* **Correen** Larson (friend of Jan & Fred, congestive heart failure) Mary Ann (friend of the Boles, diagnosed with COVID-19) **Carl** Nelson *(healing)* **Pat & Dennis** (friends of Clair Anderson & Chris Comella's friend Joy, battling COVID-19) **Doris** Peterson *(hospitalized)* **Elsa** Romo (*IPLC member*, *undergoing surgery*) **Shannon** (friend of Sharon Iverson struggling with ALS) **Deann** Sherlock (*dealing with changes in brain tumor*) **James** Sherlock (cousin of Bill Sherlock, healing) **Sonia** (friend of Sue Geisler, cancer) **Becky** Wiebrecht (sister of Roberta Bole, health issues) Grace & Rich Wielock (healing) People affected by gun violence First responders, doctors, nurses, & medical researchers **Our homebound:** Angela Motiejunas, Blanca Vargas, Florence (mother of Vivian Shin) Ross Larson (former IPLC Pastor), and their caregivers.

We pray for those we name in the silence in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give the people of Irving Park Lutheran Church trusting and giving hearts, that our words and actions extend your abundance to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your covenant with us is everlasting. We remember with love and thanksgiving those who have died. At the last, gather us all at the heavenly banquet that has no end. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that though we are apart from one another, nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**