

Prayers of the Faithful

With open hearts and open minds, let us pray to our Merciful God. Let us lift our voices to God, saying: **“Hear our prayer.”**

For the Church, we pray that we, the followers of Jesus, listen deeply to the message of the Gospel and heed our call to care for the earth, for our fellow creatures and for each other this week and always.

Merciful God,

Hear our prayer.

For children who have no parents, we pray that they will have a safe and secure home, sound education and be cared for by people who love them.

Merciful God,

Hear our prayer.

For the abolition of slavery and human trafficking, we pray that the structures which make human slavery possible will be torn apart and replaced by processes which honor human dignity.

Merciful God,

Hear our prayer.

For those struggling with custody issues and separation from family, we pray that the systems that support them are compassionate and effective so that their lives may be made safer and more secure – whether in foster care homes, RAIHN housing or at our southern borders.

Merciful God,

Hear our prayer.

For those struggling with pain, injury and illness, we pray that they find comfort and healing. We pray especially for Sharon Cassidy, Josie, and Joyce and Roy Walz.

Merciful God,

Hear our prayer.

For those experiencing loss, grief, anxiety or depression, we pray that they are strengthened by you in these difficult times. We pray especially for those who lost family members and friends to COVID-19, for Nancy and Don Boyce, for Bishop Frank and his family, for the friends and family of Marge Neil, for those struggling with mental illness and addiction, for those we bring to mind now (pause), and for those whose needs are known only to you.

Merciful God,

Hear our prayer.

Amen.