

Weekly Prayers of Intercession

Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

We pray for the church universal--

- for all followers of Christ; for the church and its ministers; and for the mission of the gospel, that all will know the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- for our Southeastern Synod, and for Pr. Kevin Strickland, whom we have elected as our new bishop. For Julian, who continues to serve as our bishop until September, and for the presiding bishop of our church, Elizabeth Eaton

We pray for God's creation--

- for the wilderness and deserts; for the rain forests and tundra; for native lands and farmland; and for all who tend the land, that God's mighty work be seen in all creation
- for the preservation of the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that at the harvest all may enjoy them

We pray for those in public authority

- for our nation, and for those throughout the world who strive for freedom, that all are guided by Christ's

commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves

- for the people of Hong Kong and Venezuela, that justice might increase
- for our president, Donald, our congress, and our judges
- for our governor, Brian, and our state legislators and judges
- for Kelly, our mayor, and for the commissioners of Athens-Clarke County

We pray for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely and all those in any need—

- for refugees in need of protection; for the homeless in need of shelter; for those who work in
the summer's heat
- for Johnnie, Piper, Joe, Deborah Porter, Shirley & Darrel Kennedy, Susan Pippin, and all those
afflicted with illness, disease or debility, that God provide
compassionate advocates and skilled
medical professionals to aid them

We pray for our congregation--

- for our music ministries, that those who sing and play instruments would bring glory to God, and inspire deeper devotion among those who worship here
- for those who are seeking a new church home, that they

would be drawn to Holy Cross, and be nourished and
blessed by what God is doing here

- for our Pastor, Nathan, for our Deaconess, Amanda, for our music director, Amanda, and for Kim, our office administrator
- for the wisdom and faith of our congregational council: George, Sue, Ross, Jane, Karin, Anthony, Nancy, Kathi, and Aneela
- for our homebound members: Tom Hewlett, Reba Morris, Hilde Willis, and Melanie Nicholas

We pray for our own needs and the needs of our families and friends—

- for those celebrating significant events in their lives
- for our local schools, that they would flourish, and that administrators, teachers and support staff would impart knowledge, skill and wisdom to students

We offer God thanks—

- for sustenance, shelter, and meaningful work to do
- for the joy, support, and challenge of friendships
- for those who now rest in the hope of the resurrection, Jan Hus, martyr; **Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino; Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala** and all

the faithful who have recently died, that with them we receive assurance that God does not abandon us in any time or place.

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We welcome your requests for prayers of intercession or thanksgiving. Please note that prayer requests will remain on the list for four Sundays. A request may be extended by contacting the church office. **Names in bold are new this week.*