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Intercessor: Come to prayer, all who labor and are heavy laden, and God will give us rest. Come to praise, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the revelation of your gift of abundant life and for the rest coming to those who put their trust in you. For such life and rest,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for entrusting us with the message of grace, that we might speak a reconciling word to our age. For such mercy,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for leading us into the ways of peace and for transforming weapons of war into tools of charity. For such peacemaking, and the peace of Jerusalem,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the people of faith who surround us and for the family and friends, teachers and clergy who assist our growth in grace. For such companions through life,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the gifts of creation and for wholesome times of recreation. For such times of harmony,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the love you hold for those for whom we now pray, especially the Campfire Survivors and their families, Charlee, Bob, Phil, Donna, Kathleen, Kay, Emerita, Shirley, Ann+, Parker Jane, Elisa, Helen, Dick & Pat, Mary Ann, Eli, Cyndi, and Robert, as well as those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud [*allow time for private intercessions*]. For those we have named,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for those who tend the sick, accompany the frustrated, visit the lonely, comfort the dying, confront the addicted, or minister to any in need. For such attention to human anguish,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for sustaining all who are oppressed, all who suffer for reasons of conscience, all who are passionate for justice. For such signs of the coming kingdom,

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.