

## Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

## Preparing for Next Week

**Monday** Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers [Dominicans], died 1221) Acts 2:37-47. **Wednesday** Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35. **Thursday** (commemoration of Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258) Psalm 85:8-13. **Friday** (commemoration of Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253) Acts 18:24-28. **Saturday** 1 Kings 18:41-46. **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost** (commemoration of Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society) 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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# Celebrate

Sunday, August 6, 2023  
10th Sunday after Pentecost

*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

## Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for  
that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does  
not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what  
is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting  
covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the  
peoples,  
a leader and commander for the  
peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you  
do not know,  
and nations that do not know you  
shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the  
Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.