

## **Mt. Zion Prayers of Intercession for the week of March 17, 2019**

*Since you are so eager to have spiritual gifts, ask God for those that will be of real help to the whole church. 1 Corinthians 14:12*

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation. Lord be with you, **and with your spirit.**

Compassionate God, call your people to stand firm as citizens of heaven. As we are humbled by your wondrous love, nurture such mercy in our hearts and ministries. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Display your faithfulness to creation in the changing of the seasons. Orchestrate the great song of praise that comes from rivers, birds, mountains, livestock, and wind. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Drown out the terror in the world with acts of loving kindness and generosity. Release political leaders from pride and fear to act justly and to serve citizens. For military personnel, firefighters, paramedics, police officers, disaster relief and crisis intervention teams and all who work to protect others including Mary Johnson, Alex Hall, Drew Cockerham, Abby Hulen, Lisa, Jesse Teichmiller, Michael Boylan, Michael Gruszka, James Goodwin, Margarita Garnica, Michael Kuhagen, and Zachary Johnson.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rush to answer those who cry out to you in time of trial. Give shelter to your vulnerable children, and cover them in the comfort of your mothering wings, (*especially*). Paul Freeman, Maria, Roseann, Mike, Ariana, Judee Johnsen, Kris Schmidt, Kristina, Katie, Roy Durrenberg, Carol Libecki, Lisa, Luis Ferrer & Mery Baya, Donna Drews, Toni, Heidi Gumz, Jim Stuczynski, Chip, Arlene, Wesley, Johann, Bria Sill, Jeb Bremer, Eloise Knigge, Judy Hutto, Milt Kleinberg, Sheryl Wartman, Bill & Cheryl Bailey, Peter Grant, Bonnie Wunrow, Mari Scicero, Pat Campbell, Carmella, Sheri, Debbie, Felix Dones, Debbie Bingen, Angel Lopez, Pam Hext, John Boylan, Micah Moskonas, Scott Kuhtz, April Cadena, Violet, Lillianna, Jane Helmers, Rabbi Brickman, Lauren Mytych, Kirsten Archambeau, Josh Snortum, Marie Heller, Ben Stuczynski, Jennifer Langenfeld, Clarence & Louise Olson, Joey Havlicek, Jill Jeneer, Rick W., Dennis B., Larry Seefeld, Barbara Heinrich, Julie McDonald, Diane Florez, Blake Parker, Bruce & Trish Stiehm, Cheryl Seyfert, Carolyn Bell, John Lowin, Karen Norton, Charlie Wahn, John G., Rich Robinson, Isaiah Bell, Wayne Steinke, Caleb Pelzek, Erik Peterson, Nathan Bailey, Deborah Kristl, Terry Marshall, Brittany Higdon, Alex Hall, Michell Slife, Abrielle Sumiec, Jeffrey Spicer, Dale Skogman, Dennis Adams, Tom Vanden Heuvel, Gary Lockmiller, and Christopher Lechner. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You who called the universe into being, You who formed our inmost being and called us to be your people, we give you thanks for your constant presence. Through seasons of constancy and even change, you are with us –calling us together in your spirit of unity, calling us out of ourselves into the world to serve others. As we work to call a pastor to Mt. Zion, may we count on the prayers of all members of this community of faith to uphold us, just as we trust your Spirit to guide us. We remember, God, you are the One who called us first and we ask for your anointing to be on the members of our MET, Pat Campbell, Janet McCarthy, Doug Dralle, Joe DiGiacinto, Lynn Pearson, Mavis Roesch, Lynda Yanny, Christine Lane, Sandra Echols, and Aharon Goodwin. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the people of Mt. Zion. Deepen our faith and understanding. Guide our ministries of hospitality and outreach. Renew us in the baptismal promise to care for others and the world you have made. Give strength and joy to worship leaders, musicians, our altar guild, ministry servers, volunteers and staff including Sherry Downs, Bob Christiansen, Jeff Parker, Pastor Josh, Patricia Eby, Cindy Johnson, Kristin Sponcia, Chris Kress, and Perrie Dralle as they prepare the way for the transitions of this new season. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal and renew all who ache for a better tomorrow. We pray for the unemployed and underemployed, the forgotten, the nameless, and the outcasts; for our enemies; and for our loved ones including Emma and Alex. Give them dignity when they seek help, and place them where their gifts may be used. When our needs are great, let us have faith in your miraculous provision. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort our homebound members with the promise of your love and your continuing work in their lives, grant the peace that passes all understanding to Dorothy Brehmer, Mae Eckardt, Dolores Everts, Don & June Fox, Barbara Giese, Pat Grant, Louise Heermans, Ruth Hodgson, Marlyn Hupfer, June Malen, Arleen Meyer, Evelyn Schoeneich, June Schulz, Marjorie Tuveson, and Ellie Yellick. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Triune God, you call us into relationship with you. Raise up leaders in your church who honor above all the truth of the gospel and the way of the kingdom of heaven. We pray for our congregation's leaders and for leaders of the church throughout the world, including Lauren Campbell, Erik Peterson, David Fohr, Douglas Johnson, Debbie Kleppek, Sara Bailey, Ian Koenig, Katie Frederick, Linda Haecker, Matthew Czervionke, Doug Dralle, Bella Burke, Mavis Roesch, Janet McCarthy, Pastor Josh Graber, Rev. Jennifer Arnold, Bishop Paul Erickson, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and for all pastors in our Greater Milwaukee Synod that they remain steadfast in faith and strong in their dependence on you.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need of hope and guidance assure them that you are ever present to give wisdom and peace to all who ask including Emalee, Hope, Jeff and Tina, Miranda, Caleb B. and his father, Marquita McThune, Grace, Alex Hulen, Danny, Megan, Clayton, Tyrone, Fannie, Emanuel, Janice, Peggy, Terion, Jena, Kaylyn, Dan Townsend, Brian Nedset, Sherry Franecki, Suzy Morgan, Josh, Jason, LeRoy, Chris R., Omar, Rachel & Michael Boylan, Mark Stillman, Matthew, Melissa Merriman, Katie Engelhardt, Dennis Schrap, Seth McAdams, and Taylor. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you call us to the ministry of the gospel. Tear down divisions and unite the church universal in your mission. Make us of the same mind and purpose in service and worship to you. Strengthen the bonds of shared service between denominations, congregations and social ministry organizations. Guide us in doing your work together with the ministries of Incarnation Lutheran Church, Pastor Lauma and the Latvian Church, Pastor Kim & the Korean Church, Pastor Marilyn Miller and our partners at Reformation, and Pastor Pam Lange and Pastor Jim Greear and Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church. Send us out as one in you, proclaiming your glory and serving all. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be the source of all strength and peace for people who are in prison including Antonio, Michael, Ronald, Joseph, Aquanis, Eduardo, Antwan, Elijah, Derek, Leonard, Shanda, Dennis, Antoine, Quincy, Marcus, Damone, Raymond, Maurice, Kenneth, Durrell, Otis, Roosevelt, James, Mark, Jeffrey, Daniel, Paul, Clyde, Ralph, Marvin, Jimmy, Ron, Herman, and Michael M. Renew them with the overwhelming power of your salvation, enabling them to see themselves as your child who is unconditionally loved and forgiven. We ask that you raise up legislators, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation officers and wardens who above all seek truth and justice in our legal system and treat prisoners with respect as the beloved children of God they are. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask you to pour out your favor and blessing on the following households: Gerhard & Lucy Fisher; Amy Fogel; Brenda Fogel; David & Debra Fohr; Donald & June Fox; Jonathan & Beth Frankey; Anthony & Kathryn Frederick; Michael Fricke & Natasha Posey. May they know you are ever present to guide them on their journey.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with favor upon Perrie Dralle as she pursues her call to the ministry. May the Holy Spirit guide her in all things that she may do God's will in the service of His kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, be our guide and our protector on our journey, watch over us, protect us from accidents, support us with your grace when we are tired and keep us always mindful of your presence and love. Watch over those who are in foreign lands and those who are traveling for work or for vacation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the people of Mt. Zion. Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Even in the midst of death, give us faith to trust your promise of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray "**Our Father . . . . Amen.**"