

**Prayers of Intercession for
the Weekend of Synod
Assembly May 4-5, 2018**



Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

Holy God, you dwell in the church by your life-giving Spirit. We pray for our congregations and for those who lead us: for our Bishops, Elizabeth and Mary, for our pastors and deacons who serve among us. Empower your church, inspire our faith communities, and renew all of us for service in Christ's name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creative Lord, your melodies formed the earth and all that is in it. Receive the roar of the sea and the rhythmic clap of the rivers. Rejoice as the hills ring out in praise.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, you hear all our moans and groans. Where lament and the blues resound, send us to listen. Send us to comfort. Send us to build relationships rooted in your justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of Inspiration, bless all leaders with the gifts of wisdom and courage so that they may work for the common good. Empower doctors, nurses, and all in the medical field with your healing touch. We pray for your children in any need: the orphaned, the neglected, the grieving, the injured, and those we name in our hearts at this time. Bring justice to the oppressed, mercy to those who are angry, nourishment to the hungry, and a home to those who wander. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, giver of all good gifts, look on your church with grace and guide the minds of those who shall choose the bishop of this synod, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Remind us that we are your church, accompany us as we share your love and grace through the proclamation of your Word and in the sharing of your sacraments, where we are met by Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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God's work. Our hands.