

# People of Peace

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Fall 2021



**The People of Peace Challenge is an invitation to grow as people** who intentionally abide (*rest, marinating, residing*) in Christ's Peace and then seek to extend Christ's Peace to others. The intention is that we not simply be people who go to Peace Lutheran Church, but that we **be People of Christ's Peace.**

Start with this booklet, then extend Christ's peace to the person for whom you prayed. We'll also gather for group prayer and support on several Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. We'll meet on: August 18, September 1, 15, 29, and October 13.

# Lectionary Readings for August 15 – October 17

*Here's what we'll read in Sunday worship. Take a look, listen for Christ's peace.*

## **August 15**

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

## **September 5**

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-17  
Mark 7:24-37

## **October 3**

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

## **August 22**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

## **September 12**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 116:1-9  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

## **October 10**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

## **August 29**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 15  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## **September 19**

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

## **October 17**

Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

## **September 26**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,  
24-29  
Psalm 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

# Sunday

**Invocation:** *In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## **Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

## **Prayer for Sunday morning**

God our merciful Father, we do not presume to come to your table of Holy Communion trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Prayer for Sunday evening**

Almighty God, in Holy Communion you have blessed us with the true bread from heaven Jesus Christ. Grant that all who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and be filled with the power of his life. **Amen.**

## **Passage of Peace**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” **John 20:19**

*Other devotional Bible readings may be read at this time; or read from the Sunday lectionary for this coming Sunday (p 2).*

## **Prayer for Christ’s Peace**

Risen Jesus, we pray for the worshipping community that gathers today at Peace Lutheran Church. We are thankful that the doors are not locked, and that you have promised to come among us today as we gather in your name. Through your Word and Sacraments, may your peace meet all who gather. **Amen.**

## **Extending Peace**

*Identify one person to whom I can extend Christ’s Peace today.  
Consider especially the people with whom you gather for Sunday worship.*

Loving Jesus, today I pray for name with whom I will gather for Sunday worship. They are in need of your peace in ways of which I am aware and ways that are known only to you. May your Word and your Sacraments be a balm for their soul and nourishment for their journey. **Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer:** *Our Father...*

**Blessing:** *God the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless and defend us. Amen.*

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*Note: In Sunday worship, Jesus our Lord speaks to us through the proclamation of the Scriptures, and he fills us with his life in Holy Communion. Jesus’ presence in Sunday worship is the heart of our Lutheran life.*

# Monday

**Invocation:** *In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,  
a very present | help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters | rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the | break of day.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

## Prayer

God, our refuge and strength, thank you for speaking to us through the scriptures read, preached, and sung. Grant that your holy word may enter into our hearts and produce in us the fruit of the Spirit for witness and service in the world. May our lives flow from Sunday worship to the praise and honor of your name. **Amen.**

## Passage of Peace

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### Philippians 4:6-7

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## Prayer for Christ's Peace

Most High God, today I pray for myself. In my life sometimes it feels like the earth moves, the waters shake, and the nations rage. In all the trouble of my day, I look to you and your sustaining goodness. As you have been a refuge and strength for your people throughout time, be that place of safety and peace for me. Sustain me so that I might join your work of peace in the world. **Amen.**

## Extending Peace

*Identify one person to whom I can extend Christ's Peace today.  
Consider especially yourself.*

God your peace is more beautiful than I can fully comprehend. Today, I pray for myself for I am in need of your peace.. I thank you for my life because you have made me in your image, and have given me the high and holy calling of sharing your life of peace. I ask that you guard my heart and mind in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:** *Our Father...*

**Blessing:** *God the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless and defend us. Amen.*

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*Note: Martin Luther based the hymn "A Mighty Fortress" on Psalm 46.*

# Tuesday

**Invocation:** *In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## **Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.

<sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

<sup>5</sup>Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.

## **Prayer**

God our Father, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, we have experienced your steadfast love and faithfulness in our lives. Grant that we may make a joyful noise serving you with gladness all our days. **Amen.**

## **Passage of Peace**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **Matthew 5:9**

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## **Prayer for Christ's Peace**

LORD of all lands, we pray for the people closest to us, those who are part of our households. We pray for those with whom we share joys and sorrows, right along with those upon whom we depend for care, and those who depend upon us May we be makers of peace through our thoughts, words, and our deeds. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **Extending Peace**

*Identify one person to whom I can extend Christ's Peace today.  
Consider especially a person of your household.*

Peace-making God, today we pray for name with whom we share life. In our thoughts, words, and deeds may we work for your peace in the life which we share together. May your peace surround them, shield them, and help them to flourish as one of your precious people. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:** *Our Father...*

**Blessing:** *God the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless and defend us. Amen.*

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*Note: We're to "know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong." When you need a reminder, touch water and as you make † the sign of the cross, remember your baptismal identity "child of God."*

# Wednesday

**Invocation:** *In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart;

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

## Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, draw our hearts to you and fill our imaginations, so that we may be fully dedicated to you. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Passage of Peace

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. **Galatians 5:22-23**

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## Prayer for Christ's Peace

LORD, you teach us not to cast discredit upon a neighbor, nor take advantage of our neighbors in any way. I ask that the fruit of your Spirit guide my interactions with my neighbors, especially those who live closest to me. I know that they carry burdens of which I am not aware and so I pray for your peace in the midst of the challenges which they face. I believe that you created them and that you have also gifted them for the good of the world. I ask that your Spirit would work through my neighbors to bring about love, joy, and peace in our neighborhood. **Amen.**

## Extending Peace

*Identify one person to whom I can extend Christ's Peace today.  
Consider especially a neighbor who lives nearby.*

Generous, Faithful, and Gentle God, today we pray for name who lives nearby. We pray for the love, joy, and peace of your Spirit to fill them this day. Where they need patience, kindness, and generosity, we pray that it would be your gift to them. In all of our dealings with our neighbor, make us faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:** *Our Father...*

**Blessing:** *God the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless and defend us. Amen.*

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*Note: The tabernacle was the tent for worship as God's people left slavery in Egypt. It was a place for the people to be near God. Our place to be near God is where the Word is preached and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are available.*

# Thursday

**Invocation:** *In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## **Psalm 121**

- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?
- <sup>2</sup>My help comes | from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup>Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;
- <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.

## **Prayer**

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow human beings throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. **Amen.**

## Passage of Peace

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **Romans 12:18**

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## Prayer for Christ's Peace

Triune God, by your holy prophet Jeremiah you taught your ancient people to seek the welfare of the cities in which they lived. We commend our community to your care, that it might be kept free from social strife and decay. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create here a community of justice and peace where your will may be done; through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Extending Peace

*Identify one person to whom I can extend Christ's Peace today.  
Consider especially a member of your community.*

O God, maker of heaven and earth, you made us humans in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family, especially name who is in need of your peace. Be their keeper and protect them from any arrogance and hatred that would assail them. Unite our community in bonds of love so that they and our entire community might live peaceably with all. Where and when we are able, help us to do what we can to join with them in pursuing the peace-filled life which your Son brings to earth. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:** *Our Father...*

**Blessing:** *God the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless and defend us. Amen.*

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*Note: The "make us worthy" prayer, is a prayer of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, in it we pray for "daily bread" just as Jesus teaches us to pray in the Lord's Prayer.*

# Friday

**Invocation:** *In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## Psalm 67

- <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup>Let your way be known | upon earth,  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth.
- <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup>The earth has brought | forth its increase;  
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
- <sup>7</sup>May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

## Prayer

Merciful God, you have given us blessing upon blessing through the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. May we with all the ends of the earth stand in awe at your goodness. **Amen.**

## Passage of Peace

Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. **Mark 4:39**

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## Prayer for Christ's Peace

Gracious Father, I pray for your holy catholic church throughout the world and our congregation within it. I pray that you fill our congregation with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Extending Peace

*Identify one person to whom I can extend Christ's Peace today.  
Consider especially a member of our congregation.*

Jesus, you spoke peace to the wind and it quieted, and you spoke peace to the waves and they were calm. Name is in need of your peace at this time. As you have been with them in the midst of other storms of life, be with them now and see them through. We ask you to rebuke the forces that seek to swamp them so that they might have the breathing room to thrive and to join your work of peace.

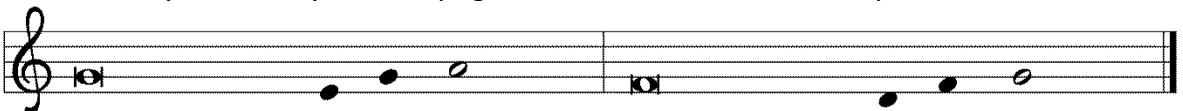
**Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:** *Our Father...*

**Blessing:** *God the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless and defend us. Amen.*

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*Note: Singing the Psalms has long been a key part of Jewish and Christian worship. These Psalms are "pointed" meaning they have lines (|) in each verse to help you to sing them with music in your ELW hymnal on page 337 or below. You can also speak the Psalm.*



May God be merciful to | us and bless us; may the light of God's face | shine up - on us.

# Saturday

**Invocation:** *In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## Psalm 150

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;  
praise God in the mighty | firmament.
- <sup>2</sup>Praise God for | mighty acts;  
praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness.
- <sup>3</sup>Praise God with | trumpet sound;  
praise God with | lyre and harp.
- <sup>4</sup>Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;  
praise God with | strings and pipe.
- <sup>5</sup>Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;  
praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.
- <sup>6</sup>Let everything | that has breath  
praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!

## Prayer

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. This Sunday, grant that we may hear them and inwardly digest them so that comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Passage of Peace

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." **Luke 24:36**

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## Prayer for Christ's Peace

God you find us in the most interesting times and places. You found Cleopas and the other disciple walking to Emmaus, and now you find us on the journey of seeking to be People of Peace. Grant us your grace to abide in your peace and not to grow weary. Nurture in us the courage to extend your peace to others. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

## Extending Peace

*Identify one person to whom I can extend Christ's Peace today.  
Consider especially a member of the People of Peace challenge.*

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism you have adopted us as your children and called us to grow in grace as your people. Today we pray for those who are at this time seeking to deepen their life with you as part of this challenge, especially name. As they seek you, may they find you. As they share your love, may your peace reach more and more people. And in all things may your name be glorified. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:** *Our Father...*

**Blessing:** *God the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless and defend us. Amen.*

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*Note: You now join the long history of Lutherans who pray on Saturdays as a way of preparing to meet their Lord in Sunday worship.*

## **Passage of Peace.**

*Explore these passages. Who said them and what was the circumstance? Underline them in your Bible. There are many more passages about peace in the Bible*

### **Matthew 5:9**

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

### **Mark 4:39**

Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

### **Luke 2:14**

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

### **Luke 7:50**

And Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

### **Luke 24:36**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

### **John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

### **John 16:33**

I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!”

### **John 20:19**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

### **John 20:21**

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

**Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**Proverbs 12:20**

Deceit is in the mind of those who plan evil, but those who counsel peace have joy.

**Isaiah 9:6**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Romans 5:1**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

**Romans 12:18**

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**Galatians 5:22-23**

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

**Ephesians 2:17**

So Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

**Philippians 4:6-7**

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 3:15**

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

# Additional Prayers

*You may adapt these prayers to fit your particular situation.*

## **Animals**

We give thanks to you, O God, for animals that live in our homes, on farms, in the wild, and in havens of refuge. Make us ever aware of our responsibility to these, your creatures. Help us to be faithful in caring for them, through the one in whom all creation is made new, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Anxiety, apprehension, fear**

Loving Father, you want us to give thanks in all times and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Grant that the fears and anxieties in this mortal life may not hide from us the light of your immortal love shown to us in your Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

## **Baptismal Anniversary**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the new life you give us through Holy Baptism. Especially, we ask you to bless *name* on the anniversary of their baptism. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and increase in them your gifts of grace. **Amen.**

## **Birthday**

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on *name* as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Bitterness, Anger**

Lord God, when we are assaulted by the troubles of life, and the deep waters of anger threaten to overwhelm us, do not let us sink. In your great compassion, hear us and help us. Deliver us from anger's power over us. Lead us out of bitter silence and hurtful words so that we may speak the truth in love. Heal every heart set on vengeance, and show us the way to honesty and reconciliation; through the one who has shown us both impassioned zeal and forgiving love, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Creation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, who in your self-emptying love gathered up and reconciled all creation to the Father. Innumerable galaxies of the heavens worship you. Creatures that grace the earth rejoice in you. All those in the deepest seas bow to you in adoration. As with them we give you praise, grant that we may cherish the earth, our home, and live in harmony with this good creation. **Amen.**

### **Difficulty in school and activities**

God our Father, you have made us in your image with minds to know you and bodies to glorify you. We remember before you those who struggle with (*school, sport, instrument, activity, etc*). Help them to do their best and to know that their best is truly good enough for today. Lead them to see your future beyond this challenging moment. Support them with family and friends, with your Word and your Spirit. We thank you for *name* and commend them to your care. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **Direction**

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor especially in (*class, activity, relationship, situation, etc*), and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### **Distress**

Merciful God, you give us grace that helps us in time of need. Surround *name* with your steadfast love and lighten their burden. By the power of your Spirit, free them from distress and give them a new mind and heart made whole in the name Christ. **Amen.**

### **Families**

Triune God, whose will it is that humans live in community, bless family life everywhere and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. Pour out your Spirit on parents, that through them their children may taste your unconditional love; and empower all family members to live in your grace and forgiveness. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

### **Guilt**

God of all comfort, quiet our minds that we may make room for your healing forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Healing**

Compassionate Father, your Son Jesus Christ, the great physician, made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch *name's* wounds, relieve their hurts, and restore to them wholeness of life. **Amen.**

### **Meals**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let *thy/your/these* gifts to us be blessed. Blessed be God, who is our bread; may all the world be clothed and fed. **Amen.**

### **Relationships that are broken**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart; that the barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **Surgery**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, graciously protect *name* in surgery. Fill their heart with confidence that in this time they may put their trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving for Anything**

Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Today we thank you for (*person, event, result, etc*). Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace: your Word and Sacraments; and for the hope of eternal life in your presence. Please give us an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving for recovery**

God of steadfast love, we thank you for the gift of healing for *name*. We give you thanks for love of family and friends, for the prayers of your people, and for those who have ministered in healing. In Jesus' name, thank you for this gift of life. **Amen.**

### **Time of conflict, crisis, or disaster**

We pray to you almighty God, in this time of \_\_\_\_\_. You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Do not let us fail in this situation. Uphold us with your love, and give us the strength we need. Help us in our confusion, and guide our actions. Heal the hurt, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are still in peril; for the sake of your great mercy. **Amen.**

### **Vocation in daily life (School, Sports, Work)**

O God, give us grace to set a good example to all among whom we live: in our family, at our school, and in our activities. Empower us to be just and true in all our dealings, to be focused and reliable in our responsibilities; pure and uplifting in all enjoyment, gracious and generous and courteous toward all; so that the mind of Jesus Christ may be formed in us and all may know that we are his disciples; in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## Peace

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Litany

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Elizabeth and Kevin our bishops, Stephen our pastor and all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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