

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 5, 2020**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Oh God, you have written a new covenant on our hearts. We pray for those who will be washed in the waters of baptism this Easter, for their families, and their sponsors.

Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

You renew a right spirit within us. We pray for this congregation, for our pastors, leaders, members, and visitors that we seeing Jesus in one another are moved to welcome the stranger.

Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

You draw all people to yourself. We pray for the nations of the world; for countries suffering from natural disasters; for those living in refugee camps, for all our brothers and sisters oppressed by war.

Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

Jesus, during your ministry on Earth you showed your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them. Amen

Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

Bless us with the gift of leaders who govern with honesty and responsibility. We pray for the President and Congress of the United States and those whose decisions affect our lives.

Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

You hold us close to your heart. We pray for all the men and women of the armed forces, and all who serve this country at home and abroad, especially . . .

Nicholas Bakulinski Jeremy Strohmayer

Dan McCarthy Preston Larson

Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

You know the troubles of our souls. We pray for those waiting for answers to prayers; for those whose lives are full of tears; for those sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially . .

Stella Lackey Eve Scheffler Maryann Palermo

Heidi Rivera Monroe Quinn Tarun Bhargava

Patricia Grunde Marla Powers Allison Dragash

Linda Planekowsky Juanita Orsan Christian Long

Michael Nielsen Gerald Spice Phil Mendoza

Sarah Sanchez Kila Goodwin Calvin Clements

MaryJo McCawley Valis Dell Neva Geweke

David Kropp Michael Holman Pat Countryman

Tandy Holman David Ploger Laurie Strohmayer

Donna Karaklasch Mark Van Scharrel Majdi Badri

Rosemarie Morgen Georgette Steiger Danny Horth

Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

God, you are the source of eternal salvation. We remember before you the faithful witnesses who have gone before us, and now rest in your peace.

Hear us, O God...

Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, . . .