

## Offertory Prayer

Please join me in our offertory prayer found on page 68 in the front of your Lutheran Hymnbook (LBW):

*O Lord our God, maker of all things, through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

You may be seated as we go to a time of prayer for the people of God and for all people according to their needs.

# HEAR MINISTRIES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE For **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

Thank You, Jesus, for being the Way to our Father's house, the Truth that sets us free, and the Life which frees us from sin and death. Thank You for being the Love that never lets us go. Give us grace to share Your love with everyone we meet, especially those who have lost their way, strayed from the truth, and are haunted by hopelessness.

Lord, in Your mercy.....**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we want to be Your disciples! But we are afraid of ridicule, rejection or persecution. Give us grace to be like Stephen, always praying for others to repent and believe in You. Let us always build up faith in You alone, our Head and Cornerstone.

Lord, in Your mercy.....**Hear our prayer.**

Thank You, Lord, for this body of believers right here this morning. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit and encourage them to seek You with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. Give them joy in serving You and Your people, and courage to proclaim Your Word boldly in word and action!

Lord, in Your mercy.....**Hear our prayer.**

Father God, remind our earthly rulers that You, alone, are King of the nations. Teach them to use authority and power to care for the poor and needy, to do justice and love mercy, and to walk humbly before You. Frustrate the ways of the wicked, Lord, so that satan will be pushed back and the truth of Your Word will prevail.

Lord, in Your mercy.....**Hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Lord, comfort those who mourn and are in need of healing, encouragement and hope. Comfort them and give them Your peace. We also lift up to You those on our hearts and minds today (*leave time for silent prayer*). As our Great Physician, mend the bodies and uplift the spirits of all these loved ones.

Lord, in Your mercy.....**Hear our prayer.**

Oh, Lord, guide, protect and strengthen all who defend life and liberty here and abroad. May they walk in pathways of integrity and justice. When they are wounded, bring healing, hope and peace to them and to their loved ones. When their task is done, bring them home in honor.

Lord, in Your mercy.....**Hear our prayer.**

As we gather today at the Your table, Lord, we pray You would strengthen us through Your Body and Blood, that we may be renewed, refreshed and restored into right relationship with You. Thank You that You have prepared this special meal for all those who love and believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Thank You, especially, for the faith You have put in Isla's heart and the joy she will know as she learns to live and grow in You and in the Truth of Your Word.

Lord in Your mercy.....**Hear our prayer.**

We praise and magnify You, dear Jesus. Accept our prayers and lay them at the feet of Your Father, who with You and the Holy Spirit, reign gloriously as our Lord and our God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Our service will continue with the Communion Liturgy, found on page 68 in the front of your hymnal (LBW).**

