

Offertory Prayer

Please join me in our offertory prayer:

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, sings of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered His life 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, April 26th, 2026

Loving Father, Your Son is the Great Shepherd of the sheep, who faithfully gathers His followers to Himself. Give us a steadfast faith to hear His voice and follow Him, even through difficult times and times when He doesn't seem present. We know You have promised that He would always be with us. Your promises are true, Lord. Help our unbelief.

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

Gracious Father, please give the gift of Christ's wisdom and tenderness to all who are called to shepherd the souls of Your people: parents, teachers, pastors, leaders. Teach believers everywhere to receive the gifts You have to give us through these authority figures in our lives. Help them to always follow Christ, the Good Shepherd.

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

We pray, Holy Father, that You would intercede in the Middle East, so that peace could prevail and people would be safe again. Give all leaders, including those in our country, wisdom and discernment to honor You in all their decision making. We thank You, Father, that You promised to hear and answer our prayers in the name of Jesus.

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

Gracious Lord, remember the sick, the homebound, those who mourn and all the afflicted, especially those who are on our minds and in our hearts today (*time for silent prayer*). Help all those in need to endure in their suffering, and

in Your compassion keep them in the one true faith until the day of final deliverance, health and peace.

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

Thank You, Father, for groups like the Gideons, who so faithfully distribute Your Word to so many worldwide. Give them strength and steadfastness as they continue to serve You in this way. We thank and praise You for them.

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

Heavenly Father, Your Son purchased us with His own blood, and He now leads us through this world to that time when we will be joined with Him in heaven. Inspire us to hear His voice gladly and to follow Him steadfastly through every trial and difficulty.

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

Receive our prayers, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us join together in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,

Forever and ever.

Amen.

And now receive the morning blessing:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God,

And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen(sung)*

