

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, signs 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.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE For Sunday, January 18th, 2026

Lord Jesus Christ, just as You called to those fishermen in Matthew's gospel to "Come and see," we thank You that You issue that call to each of us as well. Move in our hearts to heed the call so that we, too, may experience transformation and renewal in our hearts and lives.

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

Heavenly Father, You summoned Andrew and Peter to follow Christ and later bear witness to His name. Continue to call all people to join with You in the spreading of the Good News of salvation through Christ Jesus. We pray Your Holy Spirit will teach us and guide us in all wisdom to faithfully make known Your Word.

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

Almighty God, You faithfully watched over the tribes of Jacob, providing them both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure. Watch over the homes of Your people. Bless them with all they need for this body and life, and preserve them in the glad confidence that Christ is their strength and salvation.

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

Lord, guide and give wisdom to the nation, our president and his team, and all who govern at every level. Protect those who serve us as firefighters, police, disaster workers and medical personnel.

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.**

O Lord, our God, through Your Holy Spirit You work in us to produce the fruit of righteousness. Give us a steadfast heart in times of duress, strength amid temptation and the grace of humility, that we may not fall victim to pride and arrogance.

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

Heavenly Father, draw us all to Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may die to sin and rise to new life, treasuring in our hearts the Christ announced by John the Baptist; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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)**

