

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

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Prayer of the Day

Leader: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need.

(A brief silence.)

Leader: For the church throughout the world; for all who are inspired and led by the Holy Spirit, and for all who proclaim the wondrous deeds of God, let us pray.

Cong.: Have mercy, O God.

Leader: For the goodness revealed in the whole of creation, and for all courage to be true to God's call to a holy and sacred stewardship, let us pray.

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Leader: For the nations and all those in authority; for police officers and firefighters; for public servants and care givers; that God grant them wisdom to work for peace and justice, let us pray.

Cong.: Have mercy, O God.

Leader: For the poor, the meek, and the forgotten; for the needy, the lost, and the forsaken; and for all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Especially we pray for all those we lift before you now in the earnest prayers of our hearts, (P A U S E) let us pray.

Cong.: Have mercy, O God.

Leader: For those who are absent from this family of God; for those who serve in the military; for those preparing for baptism; and for our congregation, that in all we say and do, we will give all praise, and honor, and glory to God, let us pray.

Cong.: Have mercy, O God.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Leader: We give thanks for the faithfully departed, who have died in Christ and now rest from their earthly labors; let their witness to Christ show us the way of hope and eternal life, let us pray.

Cong.: Have mercy, O God.

Pastor: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cong.: Amen.