

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

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Prayer of the Day

Leader: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving 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: Reform again your church, O God. In true faith and fealty to your word, unite us in mission, guide us to grow in service, and send us with mercy to those who do not yet know your love. Hear us, O God.

Cong.: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Teach us repentance for our destructive ways, O God. Show us your will for the preservation of creation, and make us your faithful stewards in thought, word, and deed. Hear us, O God.

Cong.: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Let the nations tremble, O God. Where you see the need, show our miscreant leaders the ways of your truth and justice. Make freedom for all the purpose of their governance, and awaken your sleeping people to their responsibilities as the electors of those who would rule us. Hear us, O God.

Cong.: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Grant mercy to all those who are troubled. Empower us to provide for the poor, and to comfort the grieving. Send your healing spirit to all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, and especially be with all those we lift before you now in the earnest prayers of our hearts. (P-A-U-S-E) Hear us, O God.

Cong.: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Teach us to see Christ in the face of every neighbor. Grant us your peace and grace to receive newcomers and visitors into this assembly with true hospitality and joy. Hear us, O God.

Cong.: Your mercy is great.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Leader: We give thanks for all the faithful witnesses and renewers of the church who have gone before us and who now enjoy eternal life with you. Keep us with them, in communion with you, till the day we will stand together as one to sing our thanks before your throne. Hear us, O God.

Cong.: Your mercy is great.

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

Cong.: Amen.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

*** Invitation to Healing**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing. Sisters and brothers, as you come forward to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, I invite all in need to come also and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God before returning to your seat by the side aisle.

Continuous Communion & Laying on of Hands

*** Communion Blessing**

Pastor: Now may the precious body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Cong.: Amen.

*** Prayer after Communion & Laying on of Hands**

Leader: Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands [*and anointing*], grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.

Cong.: Amen.

*** Benediction**

Pastor: Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, + Jesus Christ.

Cong.: Amen.