

## **Prayers of Intercession Jan 16 2022**

**A:** The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day (*especially... Joe Monte, Lisa McDonough, Jean Brown, Frank Taddie, Cassie Leon, Jackie Dewitt, Gary Kline, Dennis Matarese, Irene Muir, Albert Brogan, Janet Pisano, Linda Taddie, Hugh Mullarkey, Emma Schwab, Jean Ellis and Janet Kline*). Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**A:** You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*A: For what else shall we pray?*

**A:** You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

**P:** Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**