

October 4th & 5th – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

A Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. May all know economic blessings for their efforts in the time of harvest. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence especially Ukraine and the countries of the middle east. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need, especially those we now name silently and aloud. (pause for 10 seconds) Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A O God of peace, you weep with us as we witness the escalation of violence in our nation. We pray for the victims, the families, and all people affected by these events. May wisdom and peace prevail this day. Protect our children both physically and emotionally. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. Bless our Faith FUNdations and confirmation teachers with your wisdom and grace. Thank you for the work of many hands this last Sunday in 'God's Work.

Our Hands.' And continue to sustain and lead our call committee as they listen to your spirit. May the leader of your choosing respond to Zion's call. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially*). May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.