

## January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Sharpen our senses that we may hear your call and follow. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

A Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards. In a nation as blessed as ours, it is easy to forget the sacredness of all you have given us. May we be mindful of how we use paper, oil, water and other resources. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

A Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority, may their hearts be opened to your command to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. May their words bring peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

A Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick especially Jim, Linda, Pam, and all those whose names we now lift silently and aloud. (pause) We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and give strength in the midst of their suffering. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

A Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

A Holy Father, you care for your children. Remember us today at Zion and all churches holding annual meetings. May our discussions be filled with the guidance of your Spirit and the love that is you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

A Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**