

July 4th & 5th – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

A Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A God our freedom, you are no tyrant but bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need *especially* those we now name silently and aloud. (pause). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A God our shepherd, guide those who are traveling this holiday weekend. Keep us safe. May wisdom guide the use of fireworks and all means of celebration, especially where the land is dry. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. As we remember those now gone to eternal rest, we thank you for the gifts of life together. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.