

You are invited to use this Prayers of the People from Sunday worship, May 24, 2020.

Loving God, we give you thanks for the world around us: for leafy trees and budding flowers; for flowing rivers and grassy plains.

Lead us to love and protect the world you created, remembering that you call us to serve and preserve it.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the gifts of the Church universal: for congregations that do your work of love and mercy, especially in the midst of widespread hardship; for the prayer and liturgies and worship that sustain us; and for faithful members and leaders who learn the ways of discipleship. Sustain your Church, O God, that congregations might learn to follow in the way of your Son.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for community: for leaders who care for the vulnerable among us, friends who make phone calls, neighbors who check in, and loved ones who prompt laughter and good conversation. Guide the leaders of communities, O God, that we might be knit together in common bonds of love and mercy, that the hungry be fed, the vulnerable protected, and the unhoused kept safe.

God of compassion, we give you thanks for ordinary blessings in this season: for warm cups of coffee while the rain falls; for the comfort of music on a hard day; for raucous laughter and for moments of silent stillness.

And we pray this day for those in our community who need your healing: for all who are sick; for all whose basic needs are not met;

for all who are exhausted, or sad, or grieving. Wrap them in your Spirit's embrace.

We pray all these things in the name of the Word made Flesh, the wounded and risen one, Jesus Christ. Amen.