

ELCIC Praise Appeal Service 2017

Prayers of the People

ASSISTING MINISTER

Recognizing God's continual presence in creating new life out of brokenness and offering salvation without cost—let us pray for the church, for those in need and for all of God's creation. We pray saying, *"God, you are rich in mercy,"* and responding with, *"By grace, we are saved through faith."*

1st Prayer Leader

Source of all life, your Creating Spirit moves among us. Send your spirit on your church and your people, inspiring us to fulfill your will for the world. We pray for wisdom and faithfulness in our leaders, especially our ELCIC Bishops: Susan, Michael, Elaine, Sidney, Larry, Greg and our Pastor,

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"God, you are rich in mercy," "By grace, we are saved through faith."

2nd Prayer Leader

God of all wisdom, You are present yesterday, today, tomorrow and always. You offer us salvation from our brokenness; forgiveness from our selfish actions and deep unfailing love. Help us to turn from our fascination with possessions and self-importance. Guide us to your salvation and healing so that embraced by your strength and assurance, we may in turn serve others.

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3rd Prayer Leader

Creator of heaven and earth and the sea and all that is in them: you make your creation awe-inspiring and beautiful! We give you thanks for all that is good in our lives—friendships, family, our church, our community, our environment. We give you thanks for those celebrating another birthday or anniversary. Help us recognize your glory in every living thing, so that we may treat all of creation with humility and deep respect.

"God, you are rich in mercy," "By grace, we are saved through faith."

4th Prayer Leader

God of all healing, with your tenderness attend to the ailments of our community. Strengthen our neighbourhoods, schools, and work-places, that they may be places of caring and support. Be with those who suffer with illness or despair; especially we remember: _____

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5th Prayer Leader

Mother/Father God, as your love is reflected in the story of the father welcoming and forgiving the self-centered son, may our relationships may be gentle and compassionate. Be present in interactions among family members, loved ones, friends and within our church community at _____. We ask that you keep each of us faithful in our journey and confident that nothing can separate us from your love and salvation.

“God, you are rich in mercy;” “By grace, we are saved through faith.”

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God, out of your great love and immeasurable kindness we have been saved from our brokenness in this world and in the world to come; this is not of our own doing, it is the gift of God. Into your great love we commend all for whom we pray, through Christ and by the power of your Spirit. **Amen**

