

PRAYERS FOR JANUARY 12, 2025 (Jesus, Living Water.....**Hear our prayer**)

In the waters of baptism we were made God's children and called to serve one another as we have been served by Christ. Therefore let us pray for one another and for all people who will not or cannot pray for themselves.

Redeeming God, we give you thanks and praise that in your mercy you brought us to baptism, and there gave us Jesus' holiness in exchange for our sin and impurity. Thank you for our parents who brought us up in the faith and to baptism, thank you for those other people whom you used to bring us the gospel, and thank you for our pastors and teachers in the faith. (Jesus, Living Water.....**Hear our prayer**)

We pray for the baptised people of God, that we may hang on to your promises in true faith, especially when we experience the wilderness of sin and evil within, and temptations and trials from outside. Strengthen us with your Holy Spirit so that Jesus' victory may be our victory. (Jesus, Living Water.....**Hear our prayer**)

We pray for all people, that the good news of Christ will be proclaimed and heard by all people, and that many will believe and be baptised. To this end, send and support pastors, missionaries, teachers, and lay people able to give truthful and loving witness to Christ. (Jesus, Living Water.....**Hear our prayer**)

Have mercy on those in need, those who are struggling because of domestic violence and break-down, those who are suffering from harmful behaviour and hurting relationships. Heal, restore, and renew them, dear Lord. (Jesus, Living Water.....**Hear our prayer**)

We pray for the sick, those who are disabled, those in hospital, those waiting for results. Show them the light of the gospel, provide helpers and care givers and medical resources, and heal both body and soul. Be with those among us who are sick or recovering from surgery, or undergoing treatment, in particular Pr. Kristin Steele and Dawn's nephew Christopher, and others whom we name in our hearts...(Jesus, Living Water.....**Hear our prayer**).

May your heavens open and your Spirit descend upon all for whom we pray, especially the peoples in Israel and Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, and all nations in conflict or at war. We pray for those who are fleeing their homes; grant them a safe passage. Comfort those who have lost loved ones; Give freedom to those who are still being held hostage; bring peace to your world. (Jesus, Living Water.....**Hear our prayer**).

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church: for our Bishops Susan and Kathy, Bishop Anna, Anglican Primate Anne Germond, all pastors, deacons, and lay leaders, musicians and volunteers. We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, our sister congregation in Peru and Pastor Ana Maria Jara; Our Global Mission Companion, the Evangelical Lutheran Church – Peru (IL-P), President Ofelia Davila, IL-P's other partner synods; Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod – Bishop Mike Reinhardt; LaCrosse Area Synod (WI) – Bishop Felix Malpica. (Jesus, Living Water.....**Hear our prayer**).

Hear our grateful thanks and praise for your manifestation of presence and grace in our lives and in the lives of others. Welcome with your divine pleasure all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal domain. (Jesus, Living Water.....**Hear our prayer**).

May your Spirit descend upon us, bringing your comfort and healing to all for whom we pray, especially the victims of the raging fires in California. We are grateful for all the firefighters, police, and emergency and volunteers who are helping with evacuations and all the firefighters who have gathered from various states and provinces to help. Give them strength, resilience and rest as they battle the devastating fires. Help the victims of the fires to heal and rebuild their lives. (Jesus, Living Water.....**Hear our prayer**).

Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and have made us your beloved children: Let your Spirit spread mightily among us, that we may share in the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all the world in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ your beloved Son. **Amen!**

God is with us, and so we pray **Our Father**