**Prayers for April 21\_24, 2024**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Loving Shepherd, forgive us for the times when our excitement for knowing you has waned. We want others to know you and accept your presence in their lives. Use us to spread the Good News. Help us to lead people to be “homesick” for you; an ache only you can sooth.

 **Leader: God of Grace**

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

God of Compassion, we ask you to help those whose hearts are heavy and weighted down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering and ease their distress.Today, we pray for: Anne, Arnold, Becky, Beverly, Brayden, Carol, Clarence, Corrine, Darla, Dave, Dave, David, Denise, Gloria, Jack, Jaden, Jackie, James O., Jerome, Jerry, Karen, Kristy, Larry, Mary, Nancy, Nathan, Patty, Rachel, and Will.

**Leader: God of Grace**

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

Guiding Shepherd, give us the wisdom to understand our mission. Our ministry lies beyond the walls of this building. Jesus directed us to follow him by taking care of each other. Help us to recognize the talents and resources we have been given. As we prayerfully consider our path of service may our heart and minds be focused on You.

**Leader: God of Grace**

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

God of Love, help us to remember our impact on the world is not measured by our accolades but by the sacrifices we make. Our successes will not point people to Jesus; it will be our kindness.

**Leader: God of Grace**

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

God of Strength continue to provide wisdom, strength, and hope to our Call Committee members as they search for a shepherd o share our journey of faith and service.

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**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

**God of Vision, when our negative thoughts overtake our thinking and view our world as a glass half empty, open our eyes to remember the glass is refillable! Refillable daily with your saving grace, love and strength that we need only to accept.**

**Leader: God of Grace**

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer**

**ALL:**

**With everlasting thanks and joy for Your love and forgiveness we ask You to be with us till we meet again. This week help us to take every opportunity to be thankful for the blessings of each day. Help us to pay attention to how best we can be a gift to others. May we approach each day with SOUL – serving others, uplifting lives! We ask all in the name of Your Dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN**