### Prayers for May 12\_15, 2024

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

God of Love, bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mom, moms who grieve and those who never knew a loving mother.

**Leader: God of Grace** 

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer** 

God of healing bless health care workers and the skills they offer to help those in need. Please bring relief for those suffering in body and spirit. May they find relief by remembering you give us the strength to cope with our struggles. Today, we pray for: Amy, Anne, Arnold, Becky, Beverly, Bonnie, Brayden, Cayden, Corrine, Darla, Dave, Dave, David, Denise, Gloria, Jack, Jackie, Jaden, James O., Jerome, Jerry, Karen, Kristy, Larry, Mary, Nancy, Nathan, Patty, Rachel, Sandy, Scott, Yvonne and Will.

**Leader: God of Grace** 

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer** 

Lord, you have created a world that provides for all our needs. Help us be good stewards of your creation.

**Leader: God of Grace** 

Congregation: Hear our Prayer

God, you give us more strength and love to face our challenges in life than we realize. Provide that strength to all who are facing anxiety from discrimination, bullying or any injustice. Guide each of us to help however we can.

Leader: God of Grace

**Congregation: Hear our Prayer** 

Gracious God, we pray for humility. It is easy to take credit for our abilities and forget it is you working through us that makes all things possible. May we always turn our eyes and hearts toward those in need.

**Leader: God of Grace** 

Congregation: Hear our Prayer

Hope giving Shepherd, guide the leaders of nations to strive to care for those in need and to lead with a servant's heart. Striving to compromise their differences with peaceful co-existence as a primary objective.

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#### 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

# Daily Prayers for week of May 13, 2024 Monday

Lord, this week I will make a difference. I will begin by controlling my thoughts. I want to be happy and hopeful. Optimism will be my companion. I am committed to serving others and uplift lives wherever the opportunity arises. AMEN

### **Tuesday**

Jesus our Savior, etch the words on my heart: "In a world where I can be anything, be kind."

# Wednesday

Thank you, Lord, for placing people of good example in front of me.

# Thursday a Thought

Attempts at self-salvation guarantee nothing but exhaustion. We scamper and scurry, trying to please God, collecting merit badges and brownie points, and scowling at anyone who questions our accomplishments. Call us the church of hound-dog faces and slumped shoulders.

Stop it! Once and for all, enough of this frenzy. "Your hearts should be strengthened by God's grace not by obeying rules." (Hebrews 13:9) There is no fine print. A second shoe is not going to drop. God's promise has no hidden language. Let grace happen, for heaven's sake. No more performing for God, no more clamoring after God. Of all the things you must earn in life, God's unending affection is not one of them. You have it. Stretch yourself out in the hammock of grace. You can rest now.

#### Friday

Gracious Lord, it is beyond my comprehension that nothing can separate me from your love. . .or that you love what you see when you see me. That you, my Maker, and God, would die for me is a wonder. Thank you for opening the way back to you forever. In Your Son's name, Amen.

### Saturday

Lord, another week has passed. As I reflect on my actions this past week, I hope my kindnesses outweighed my criticisms. When I let you down, I ask your forgiveness and I ask for your guidance as I enter a new week. AMEN