

Prayers for May 5_8, 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.

Loving Shepherd, how comforting to hear you know each of us by name. Strengthen us in our faith to bear witness of your endless love and grace to all who have yet to hear the Good News.

Leader: God of Grace

Congregation: Hear our Prayer

Abiding Shepherd, open our hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to translate our words of faith and love to **actions** of faith and love. Open our eyes to see the needs of others. The pain in their faces, the hopelessness in their eyes, the stoop of their shoulders. 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, Will and the friends and family of Carol Grossman.

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Gracious Shepherd, the devastation of recent tornadoes have left many homeless. We ask you to provide resources to help with the recovery and restoration of their lives.

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Saving Shepherd, help us as a community of believers to make a difference. Challenges present opportunities to serve and witness. Help us to grow the community's outreach programs of the food pantry, resale shop and counseling. Keeping our eyes on you keeps our focus on living the Great Commandment to love others as we want to be loved. Thank you for the opportunities and blessings you give us.

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Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. We remember our loved ones who have died and now reside with you in eternity. We await with humble joy the time when we will be reunited and dwell in your house forever.

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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 6, 2024

Monday

Did You create pollen as a roundabout way of encouraging us to pray, God? Subtle! And maybe sneaky, as well. May You bless all who suffer from seasonal allergies!!! AMEN

Tuesday

Thank You, Lord, that whenever we draw close to You, You draw ever closer to us, and when we're by ourselves, You are there watching over and providing for our care!

Wednesday

Lord, thank You for Your amazing grace. Help me to live wisely.

Thursday a Thought

When doubts swarm your mind, turn your thoughts to God. Your best thoughts are God-thoughts.

He is above all this mess! Pain does not plague God. The economy does not faze him. The weather does not disturb him. Elections do not define him. Diseases do not infect him. Death cannot claim him.

Stare at the mountain less, and at the Mountain Mover more. Ponder the holiness of God. Let his splendor stun you and inspire you.

Friday

Lord of the loving heart, may mine be loving too.

Lord of the gentle hands, may mine be gentle too.

Lord of the willing feet, may mine be willing too.

So, I may grow more like You.

In all I say or do. AMEN

Saturday

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself. . . Therefore, I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and . . . I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. AMEN