

INTERCESSIONS

In this season of repentance and reconciliation, let us intercede for the Church, the world, and all those in need. Our response to the intercessions is **'Your mercy is great.'**

a brief silence

God of wisdom, You have opened the path to life in Jesus Christ. Guide Your Church along that path as she embodies Your love for all people. Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

LORD of history, speak Your Word of truth to the world through the Cross of Christ. Open the hearts of the nations to the peace and riches found in service to others. Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

O LORD, Our only defense, send Your Holy Angels to watch over all those who are bound by the chains of oppression, addiction or mental illness. Give hope to those whose spirits are crushed, especially those who must face or cope with long-term institutional care. We pray especially for Your servants *Tom, Ruth, Dale & Jackie, Earle, John & Eardeen, Theda, Marlene, Doris, Aaron, Donald, Michelle and Dwight, as well as Susan, Lauren, Gail, Darlene, Yana, Elsie, Hilda, Mitzi, Flora Mae, John Hunt & John Staley.* Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

As once they ministered to Our Lord in the wilderness of His temptation, let Your Holy Archangel Michael have charge over our sons and daughters in the Armed Forces of this nation, that they may drive tyranny from the face of the earth, and hold up before their eyes the example of Your servant, Saint Vartan, Saint Louis, Saint Joan of Arc, and all Christian soldiers, that they may discharge their duty with a clear conscience, with discipline, with honor and with courage. We pray especially for Your servants *Jeremy, Christopher and Michael.* Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

Inspire our witness with the lives of the all Saints and all who have gone to sleep in Your mercy. Keep us in union with Mary, the Virgin Mother of Our Lord, with Saint James the Apostle, with Saint Joseph, the guardian of Our Lord and of His Blessed Mother, and Saint Patrick, missionary and bishop, whom Your Church commemorates, and all Your Saints, and bring us at last into the fullness of Your presence in light and joy and abundant life everlasting. Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

Hear our prayers, merciful God. By Your Holy Spirit transform our lives to declare Your praise and to make known Your grace in Jesus Christ Our Lord, in Whose Name we pray,

Amen!