

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

For the Church throughout the world, O LORD, that Your Covenant, written on the hearts of all the baptized, will give us the desire to make known Your faithfulness. Hear us, O God!
Your mercy is great!

O LORD of the nations and of history, we pray for a world broken by the power of violence in nations, cities and families, that You will keep us under Your protection and raise up servants of peace. We give You thanks for the answer to our prayers and those of Your whole Church as Your servant, Abdul Rahman, begins a new life as Jesus' disciple in a land that protects the believing conscience. We beseech Your mercy and aid toward all Christians whose faith places them under threat of violence, and that You would inspire our hearts by their example. Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

For those who cry to You day and night: the poor, the grieving, and all whose spirits are broken. Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

O LORD, Our only defense, send Your Holy Angels to watch over all those who are distracted and worn down by anxiety and 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 and our allies, that they may drive tyranny from the face of the earth, and hold up before their eyes the example of Your servant, Saints Vartan, Louis, and Joan, 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!

We pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all the Saints of Your Church and all who have gone to sleep in Your mercy. Keep us in communion with them and Mary, the Virgin Mother of Our Lord, with Saint James the Apostle, and all Your Saints, sustain us in hope by their example and bring us at last into the fullness of Your presence in light, in joy and in 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!