

INTERCESSIONS

As the Cross draws us to new life in Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope, and life. Our response to the intercessions is '**Lord, have mercy.**'
a brief silence

For the Church made alive with Christ, that she would bear witness to the wonder of the Resurrection through word and deed, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For our congregations and the churches of the Reformation they represent, that we would see and celebrate in one another the unity for which Our Lord prayed, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For the world, that the Crucified and Risen Christ will mend what is broken and fill all corners of the earth with justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For all who are overshadowed by illness of body, mind or spirit, especially those whom we now name in our hearts or with our lips before You . . . that the Holy Spirit's healing and life-giving presence will touch their lives, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For the newly baptized, clothed in gladness and salvation, and for all who have renewed their Baptism, that we may always be willing to confess the hope within us, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all of our sons and daughters who serve on our behalf in the Armed Forces of this nation and our allies, that they may drive tyranny and rule by terror from the face of the earth, that they may discharge their duty with a clear conscience, with discipline, with honor and with courage, and that they may be shielded from death and the fear of death which You have overcome. We pray especially for these, whom we name with our lips or in our hearts before you: *Jeremy, Christopher, Michael, Kevin* Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For those who mourn, especially those whose lives have been changed forever by the scourge of war, that they might be comforted in the hope of everlasting life with all who share in Christ's death and resurrection, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

Gracious God, hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen one, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen!