

THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the Church, for those in need and for all of God's creation: Holy Creator, You fashioned a world abundant with life. Make us value the gifts of Your world so that all people will have plenty and freedom. Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, as the earth nourishes and sustains us, bless every country and people with the goodness that comes from Your liberty and justice. Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

Holy Redeemer, as Jesus identified with cries of suffering and fear, help us to respond to the cries of all who are in need. Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

Holy Wisdom, as You have made us in Your image, enable us to view one another as mirrors of Your life with us. Bless friendships, marriages, families, religious communities, and all relationships with Your divine grace. We ask Your special blessing this day on Kirk and Jan Frey as they give You thanks and praise on the occasion of their anniversary. Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

Holy Life-giver, bring peace and healing to all who are ill: to those at home, to those in military and civilian hospitals. We pray especially for *Earle, Jack & Jackie, Ruth, Theda, Alma, Tom, Vernard & Doris,* and *Donald,* as well as *Susan, Lauren, Gail, Darlene, Yana, Elsie,*

Hilda, John, Chad, Vincent and Willis. We beseech Your mercy for Your Church

under persecution throughout the world, for all who have died in war, famine and plague this past week, and for all of our sons and daughters in serving in the Armed Forces of this nation and our allies, especially *Jeremy, Christopher, Michael and Kevin.* Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land and world. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail. Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, keep before our eyes the examples of Blessed Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, Saint James the Apostle and all those Saints and Martyrs who have gone before us, who have revealed Your presence and taught Your Word. Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.