

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Sunday, July 4, 2021)

L: Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world. Most merciful Father, send your heavenly blessings upon this your Church, that all its members may dwell together in unity and love. Keep far from us all self-will and discord. Endue your pastors with righteousness, and enable them faithfully to fulfill their ministry, to bring again the outcasts, and to seek the lost. And grant to us so to receive their ministrations, and to use your means of grace, that in all our words and deeds we may seek your glory and the advancement of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R: ***Help us to live humbly and work for justice.***

L: God, Help us as resurrected believers to keep our minds on you. Strengthen us to put away our old ways that keep us from focusing on you. Enable us to see with your eyes. Empower us to act as you would act. Dress us in your image for our lives. Remind us that you love everyone and that all are included in your world including us.

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L: Giver of all good gifts: Teach us to treasure Christ and His grace above all earthly possessions. Help us to continually cast our lot with life and not with death; with grace and not with judgement, with love and not with hate, with giving and not with receiving, with praising and not being praised, with trusting and with fear. Bring justice where there is violent behaviour and help us to show mercy where impoverished people seem to turn toward crime. Oh Lord, we hear of these horrendous things and bow our heads. We ask that you bring clarity to leaders and especially the security forces as they sort out right action to address the turmoil.

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