**Prayers of Intercession**

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

L: The Lord be with you

**P: And also with you**

L: Let us Pray… Lord God - you call us to embody the love of Christ in our actions and in our words - to live as a generous and forgiving people – to return good for evil and blessings for curses. You ask us not to judge others - but rather to care for them. You have told us that what we give we will receive, that what we sow we shall reap. Confirm in our hearts the message of Christ Jesus that we have heard this day - and help us to live as he has taught us to live. God of mercy and compassion, give us the strength to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate us. Make us more like Jesus our Saviour each day.

**P: *Loving Spirit, reinforce our prayers with appropriate actions****.*

L: God of justice and of forgiveness, help us to bless those who curse us and to pray for those who persecute us. Make us more like Jesus our Saviour each day.

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L: God of strength and of tenderness, you gave your Son to us, though you knew he would be despitefully used, betrayed and abandoned - and finally killed. As he died he called out to you - "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do". We thank you Lord for this great mercy -and for how you raised him up in glory and have appointed him as our judge, our Saviour. As he prayed for his disciples - and for the world - so we now pray to you. We pray to for the good of our brothers and sisters and the whole human family. For all who are persecuted and despised by their neighbours this day, and for those who curse and insult and hurt them

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L: For those who work to build up the bodies, minds, and souls of others around the world, our leaders, teachers and pastors.

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L: For those who are victims of war and hatred this day - and for those who practice those things that lead to war and hatred. For those who suffer through no fault of their own - and for those who do

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L: Lord, we pray for those situations and people who are hurting, sick, grieving, lonely, hungry, without work around the world and especially in our circle.

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L: We praise you and worship you and ask you all these things in the name of Christ Jesus, - our Lord and our brother, our judge and our friend. **Amen.**

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