

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

L: After the bidding, God of Harmony, your response will be:

P: Guide our feet into the way of peace.

L: Prince of Peace, you intended us to live in peace with one another. But we have made idols out of warfare and weapons, Help us turn our swords into plowshares. *God of Harmony,*

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L: Wonderful Counselor, we pray for our nation and long for the day when conflict will cease. We pray for communities that have been ravaged by gun violence, for families that have been torn apart by domestic violence, for those who suffer as a result of systemic racism, and for those who find themselves in patterns of unhealthy relationships. Counsel us, Gracious God, that we may live in the peace you intend. *God of Harmony,*

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L: Everlasting God, we pray for the children among us, the most vulnerable of society. We pray for children who do not have shelter and clothing, for children who do not have a meal, for children who are not given the resources they need to thrive, for children who are the victims of bullying and abuse, and for children whose desperate parents seek better opportunities elsewhere. *God of Harmony,*

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L: Mighty God, we cannot save ourselves, but through the life, death, and resurrection of your only child, we rejoice that we have not been left to our own devices. We praise you, Lord, for you are our sole redemption and we, your beloved and broken children, give thanks. *God of Harmony,*

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L: Emmanuel, God-With-Us, hear our prayer as we pray as you taught us to pray, saying: **Our Father...**

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