



PRAYERS *of the People*

July 18, 2021 First English Lutheran Church

Let us come before the Triune God in prayer.

Pause for a brief moment of silence

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain us and lead us so that we may proclaim the gospel here on earth.

Thank you God, thank you for choosing us as your beloved people. Thank you for birthing in us a new kingdom of hope and renewed joy despite the suffering and fear we still experience in this world today. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sorry God, sorry when we are in the wilderness, uncertain of our future, when fear takes over and we doubt your abiding presence in others and in ourselves. Sorry when leaders, teachers, parents, health care providers, and friends choose comfort, choose control, choose what they want to see happen, rather than praying "Thy will be done".

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Please God, please send the breath and power of your Holy Spirit to renew our faith in you and our faith in one another. Bring peace and hope to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering or afraid. Especially be with:

Darlene, Nancy, Teresa, Rita, David, Melinda, Cory, Brenda, Mabel, Makayla, Bryan, Chris, Janelle, Brenda, Trey, Lou, Katelyn, Sheila, Kelly, and Seth, for our friends and family who are home bound or in nursing homes, for those with mental illness ailments, and for those you put upon our hearts that we name out loud or silently. *(Pause for a moment of silence)*

We pray for this holy house of worship and for Vicar Deb and her family. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**