

Prayers of Intercession
October 18, 2020

Responsive Sentence for the Sundays after Pentecost:

Assisting Minister: *Prince of Peace*

C **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

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Gracious Lord, you are always on our side, frustrating those who seek to devour us. Lead us to acknowledge your favor, by our worship, our praise, and our thanksgiving. *Prince of Peace...* **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Saving Christ, you heal all who call upon you: some by granting temporary relief, others by taking them to yourself by the full end of earthly suffering. Bring us to renewed life now, and to the glorious day at your coming. *Prince of Peace...* **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Indwelling spirit, by your presence with us, as you were with your servant Luke, cause us to be healing agents of your love to people far and near. *Prince of Peace...* **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Bless physicians, nurses, EMT's and other medical personnel, and all who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. *Prince of Peace...* **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved. *Prince of Peace...* **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Merciful God, healer of our every ill, we bring before you by name those who need you near: _____. *Prince of Peace...* **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

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We pray for the United States of America and for all our elected and appointed leaders, especially our President Donald, our Governor Tom, our Senators Bob and Pat, and our Representatives, Legislators, and local officials. May they be guided by your wisdom in all their decisions and actions and may we choose wisely as we prepare to cast our ballots. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

As an election approaches, we pray for you to guide us as a people to choose wisely and in accordance with your will and purpose. We pray that you would restore peace and harmony in our nation, and guide all who serve in elective or appointed offices. Let us continue to be a beacon of freedom and justice in the world. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

We pray for those around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Especially during these times of violence in so many places, be with your children every moment. Protect and comfort them. Remind them that the stone that was rejected by the builder became the most important of all. Shower them with your love and encourage them in hope through your Holy Spirit. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

We pray for our congregation in its search for the pastor whom you have chosen to lead us in witness and service. We also ask you to guide our call committee, our council, and the pastor you will send us, that all of us may be guided by your Spirit and wisdom. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

We Pray for the North American Lutheran Church, our Bishop Dan, our Dean David, our Interim Pastor and assistant Dean Steve, and for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Seven Valleys and all our congregations. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

A Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us your salvation.

C **Blessed be God.**

A Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable Son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses.

C **Blessed be God.**

A Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power.

C **Blessed be God.**

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P Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants with your presence; drive away their sickness of body and spirit, especially those we now name before you... and give them that victory of life and peace which will enable them to serve you now and evermore. Lord, in your mercy.

C **Blessed be God.**

P Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**