

Prayers of Intercession
July 18, 2021

Responsive Sentence for the Sundays after Pentecost :

Assisting Minister: *Loving God, you hear our prayers*
C **You live among us.**

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

a brief silence

Lord God, raise up faithful church leaders who love you more than all. Give to each of us the skill to be a shepherd in some small way, the will to be shepherded by other leaders, and the ability to trust the Good Shepherd over all. *Loving God, you hear our prayers***You live among us.**

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your Son to be the Messiah, and to build your church. As members of His kingdom, fill us with joy for His resurrected presence, His loving rule, and His kingdom yet to come. *Loving God, you hear our prayers***You live among us.**

Holy Spirit, give us confidence when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Guard us from evil. Shepherd us with your rod and staff. Shower goodness and mercy upon us all the days of our lives. *Loving God, you hear our prayers***You live among us.**

Lord Jesus, the disciples gathered around you and reported all that they had done and taught in your name. Help us see the good we do in your name and rejoice in being a part of your work on earth. *Loving God, you hear our prayers***You live among us.**

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Lord Jesus Christ, you invite us not only to work with you, but to rest with you. Though the desires of this world tire us, touch us, that we may be healed. Hear our prayers for those in need of your healing: _____. *Loving God, you hear our prayers ...* **You live among us.**

Be with our nation and heal our divisions. We commend to you our President Joseph, our Governor Tom, and all who serve in elected or appointed positions in government. Together help us proclaim, "In God we trust!" Give all of us a heart for the most vulnerable, especially the pre-born and the elderly, and draw us together in commitment to freedom, justice and peace. *Loving God, you hear our prayers ...* **You live among us.**

We Pray for the North American Lutheran Church, our Bishop Dan, our Dean David, and assistant Dean Steve, and for all our congregations. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *Loving God, you hear our prayers* **You live among us.**

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.**