

Prayers of Intercession
August 7, 2022

Responsive Sentence for The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost :

Assisting Minister: *Loving Christ :*

C **Help us to share the faith.**

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

a brief silence

Heavenly Father, Creator of the universe, when we doubt send us out, like Abraham, to count the stars at night, and marvel at your might. *Loving Christ...Help us to share the faith.*

Holy Spirit, help us learn to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow and honor you in deed and word. *Loving Christ...Help us to share the faith.*

Lord Jesus, make our faith strong so we may be filled with the assurance of countless good things coming, yet unseen, prepared by God for all of us. *Loving Christ...Help us to share the faith.*

Great Physician, as we name those who need your loving care, help them sense your healing touch: _____ *Loving Christ...Help us to share the faith.*

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. We ask your hand of blessing upon all our leaders of our military, and all our servicemen and women. 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 Christ...Help us to share the faith.*

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Let the design of your self-giving love, O Lord, shine a light on the path of peace in the darkness of war between Russia and Ukraine. Restrain the impulses and passions of anger and hatred that lead to retaliation. Speak, to the heart of all political, economic, and social leaders, the truth about the evilness of violence, and lead them into the way of peace. We pray for every mercy and grace to all victims of violence. Swiftly bring recovery and healing. *Loving Christ...***Help us to share the faith.**

We Pray for the North American Lutheran Church, our Bishop Dan, and our Regional Dean Steve, our District Dean Paula, Pastor Roger, and for all our congregations, especially Zion's/St. John's (Reed's) Lutheran Church in Stouchsburg, PA. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *Loving Christ...***Help us to share the faith.**

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.**