Prayers of Intercession February 16, 2025

Responsive Sentence for 6th Sunday after Epiphany:Assisting Minister:"Let Us Walk."C:... "In the Light of the Lord."

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

a brief silence

Holy Lord, you are the one and only God, the Creator of all that is, and the Redeemer of human life. Help us to keep our focus solely on you and not on other people. You alone are the giver of good gifts and you alone are the source of our life and strength. "*Let Us Walk.*" "*In the Light of the Lord.*"

Heavenly Father, have mercy on your children that are suffering from disease, anguish, pain, or despair. Give them strength of mind and a joy-filled spirit, trusting that you are with them and are the source of all healing and wholeness. [especially for those we now name aloud or silently in our heart.....]. *"Let Us Walk." "In the Light of the Lord."*

Loving Father, be with all young people who are growing up in such uncertain times. Give their parents the courage to lead them in your ways, and the strength to guide them into all goodness. "*Let Us Walk.*" "In the Light of the Lord."

Be with our nation and heal our divisions. We commend to you our President Donald Trump and our Governor Joshua Shapiro, 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 let us proclaim.... "In God we trust." Lord, help us to be quick to listen to others while we remain strong to publicly express our concern for life, especially the most vulnerable, the preborn, children, elderly and the sick. Draw us all together in commitment to freedom, justice, and peace. "Let Us Walk." "In the Light of the Lord."

O Lord, shine a light on the path of peace in the darkness of war between Russia, Ukraine, Israel and Hamas and remove the evil of antisemitism and all ethnic hatred. We pray for every mercy and grace to all victims of violence. Swiftly bring recovery and healing. *"Let Us Walk." "In the Light of the Lord."*

We ask your blessing upon all congregations who proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and all pastors, especially for the N.A.L.C. and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Joppa, MD. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *"Let Us Walk."* **"In the Light of the Lord."**