

**Prayers of Intercession**  
**March 23, 2025**

**Responsive Sentence for Third Sunday of Lent:**

Assisting Minister: *"Lord in Your Mercy."*

C: *... "Hear our Prayer."*

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

*a brief silence*

Mighty Lord, may your Spirit stir us in order that we might learn to be wise and faithful followers of your Son, Jesus. By the Spirit's sanctifying work help us to lead lives that bring glory to you, drawing others into your kingdom.  
*"Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer."*

Lord God, Ancient of Days, you have revealed the mysteries of life in your own good time. Keep us strong and steadfast in our faith, so that neither trial nor temptation may dim for us the glory of our hope or take from us the promised glory that you have prepared for all your saints. *"Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer."*

Be with our nation and heal our divisions. We commend to you our President Donald Trump and our Governor Josh 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. *"Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer."*

O Lord, shine a light on the path of peace in the darkness of war between Russia, Ukraine, Israel and Hamas, we ask you Lord to remove all attempts to undermine an end to war. We pray for every mercy and grace to all victims of violence. Swiftly bring recovery and healing. *"Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer."*

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 Advent Lutheran Church, Winchester, VA. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *"Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer."*