

Prayers of Intercession
May 11, 2025

Responsive Sentence for 4th Sunday of Easter

Assisting Minister: *““Set our minds on heavenly things...”*

C: *... Fill us with your joy”.*

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

a brief silence

Holy God, we give you thanks for all the women in our lives who have nurtured us, raised us, and instilled in us a deep, abiding faith in you. Give all mothers the patience and grace to care for their families, trusting in you for guidance with this important mission. *“Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy”.*

Shepherding God, you are the one who watches out for your sheep and guides us into green pastures. Keep us safe from all harm. When we get lost, find us and restore us to your fold. Forgive us for our wandering ways and lead us into all goodness. *“Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy”.*

Loving Father, we ask your tender care to be with all those who are struggling with grief, pain, confusion, or disease. Remind them of your never-failing love for them, grant them hope in the midst of darkness, and bring wholeness to their bodies and spirits. [We pray especially for those we now name aloud or silently in our heart....]. *“Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy”.*

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 of our military leaders, and all of 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. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy"*.

O Lord, shine a light on the path of peace in the darkness of war between Russia and Ukraine, as well as 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. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy"*.

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 Christ Lutheran Church, Womelsdorf, PA. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy"*.