

Prayers of Intercession
June 1, 2025

Responsive Sentence for 7th Sunday of Easter/ Ascension Sunday

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

Ascended and ruling Lord, you have opened to us the Holy Scriptures that we may know the necessity of your death and resurrection for our salvation. Open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, and clothe us with power from on high — so that we can proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations in your name. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy".*

Lord of mercy and grace, just as your Son brought about transformation in the lives of those he encountered, we pray that he would transform our lives, and the lives of others. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are lost or struggling may experience a powerful renewal by your Word breaking into their lives. Mold us and shape us into the people that you would have us be. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy".*

Great Physician, we pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit that they may know your healing presence. [We especially lift up those we name before you aloud or in our hearts...]. Send your Spirit upon them to make them whole, and give them hope and strength in you. *"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 Emmanuel LC of Stony Creek, Pasadena, MD. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy".*