



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 04.28.24

Father God, we come to you this morning from a variety of different life stages and perspectives. Console those who are sad, calm those who might be angry, sit with those who are confused, and delight with those who are content. Reveal yourself in the beauty and complexity of life.

Jesus, provide us your life-giving water, impress deep within us that knowing what is right, is deep within our heart. Fill us from your spring of knowledge and discernment. Invite us to drink deeply from your well. Grant our requests as we seek your will and desire for us.

Spirit of God hover over our lives as you hovered over the deep in the beginning. Make order out of chaos. For families moving to and away from Bend, give them rest in your shadow of grace. Shelter them with peace and contentment. Be a constant, steady, solid presence in the midst of change.

Understanding and compassionate God, deliver us from the oppression of worry. Your peace is beyond understanding, your yoke is light. You are the forgiver of sins and the healer of disease. Restore health, and renew hope for the Meyers and the Seales, as both families are struggling with health issues and the fatigue of caregiving. Surprise them with gifts to help them thrive in mind and body.

Jesus, first born of the new creation, live through us. Grant us faith and knowledge so that we might reflect your image. We praise you for the snapshot of the future and the success of the second Guns to Gardens event yesterday. Stoke the imagination of our hearts, as we wait for the fulfillment of your plan, for us to live side by side with you in a renewed kingdom.

Amen.