



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 05.19.24

Father of unfailing compassions, Savior full of grace beyond what we can comprehend, Spirit who wakes our souls, welcome us as sons and daughters hearing our pleas and requests.

Surround your persecuted children throughout the world to find your hope that washes fears away. Show them your light that burns in darkness, Your power that knows no end. Bless your kingdom through their faith. Raise up your global church to oppose war, hatred, violence – to come to the aid of those oppressed, displaced, grieving great loss. Work shalom to counter greed, revenge, misuse of power. Direct those in power to work for peace and not self-interest. Cause the way of peace you taught and lived to be fully embraced in your church impacting the world.

As residents of this beautiful city, open our eyes to the needs of all who call it their home. Give wisdom and vision for leaders and churches to provide for those less fortunate.

For those unable to physically attend services, pour out your presence to cheer and to guide them to a deep sense of union with your body. Prompt our community to find ways to provide true fellowship with them.

Gentle Healer, lay your hands on Benjamin Carlson. Cause his upcoming treatments to be successful. Give him strength to manage the side effects. Comfort, strengthen and surround this family during this difficult time. Provide all that is necessary as they begin the multiple trips to and from OHSU and as they spend time apart from each other. Uphold young Benjamin, encourage and give him hope, strength, even joy in the midst of these challenges as only You are able. Work miraculously throughout each step of these extremely difficult circumstances.

Good Father, restore relationships damaged through broken homes. Even as marriages falter, draw parents and kids to each other and to You in new and meaningful ways.

Thank you for the community garden planted yesterday. Continue to use it to connect us with the neighborhood and to be a foundation for the impact of our future building plans.

Abba who runs to welcome us, Jesus our brother and friend, Holy Spirit our great comforter, break us free from the patterns of this world that we conform to and renew our minds through this service of worship.

Amen