

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 06.09.24

Father God cause us to come before you simply and honestly, shift our focus from ourselves to you, and allow us to sense your grace. Settle our minds and free us from distraction. Construct our petitions in accordance with your will. Bend your ear near, Oh Mighty One, and listen to our prayers.

Jesus, usher of our salvation, comfort those who find their lives torn apart from illness, financial insecurity, homelessness, depression or fears of the future. Allow them to stop long enough to breath and to rest in the knowledge of your deep and abiding love for them and remind them that they are not alone.

We pray for Maria Rodriguez. Intervene in the midst of so many changes, and challenges, as now a series of illnesses is becoming a struggle for her. Grant Maria clarity as to how to best navigate our complicated health care system and give her permission to rest.

Ancient of Days, enable us to live our days true to you. In days of collapsing institutions, moral chaos, and increasing violence, cause us to fill our minds and thoughts with you more than any other one thing. Change us from the inside so that we might be carriers of peace and not of anxiety.

Holy Spirit, nudge us to fall to our knees in worship even when we do not feel like it. Accept our actions done out of obedience, when life is really tough, as precious to you precisely because it is costly to us.

Jesus, communicator and mediator between God and man, give us the tools to engage within our communities in meaningful ways. Lift our eyes form our independent endeavors to areas of social engagement. Reignite the joy of personal interactions with those we meet on the street and in the marketplace. Remove the fear of judgment and rejection that permeates our society. Deliver us from the whiles of those who mean us harm and allow us to rest our heads at night in peace and submission.

Triune God, open our eyes to see you, realign our minds to believe you, awaken our hearts to receive you.

Amen.