



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 11.17.24

Almighty God, Creator of all things, You sent our Lord Jesus, who taught us to approach You as the ideal Father, who loves each of us perfectly and knows what is best for us. We come to you with our requests today confidently claiming those truths about Who You are.

Lord Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, You also taught us to see ourselves as your Sisters and Brothers and, collectively, as your bride. We dare this morning to seek the intimacy with You that those relationships imply, and so trust You as we share with You our deepest desires and concerns.

Holy Spirit, our ever-present Comforter and Guide, we rely on your empowerment and wisdom to lead us into the right relationships that You have intended for us. As You have called us to be ambassadors of your inbreaking kingdom of love and justice, open our eyes and direct our steps to make the most of each opportunity you afford us. Show us clearly where we may be used by You in the reconciliation of our relationships with You, with self, with others, and with the rest of your very good creation.

There are many among us Lord, in need of healing, whether of body, mind, or soul. We thank you for the successful emergency surgery that Joel Meyer received this week, and we continue to ask you to intervene to heal him of the disease that has afflicted him. Strengthen and comfort Joel's children and Tom and Melanie as this family so dear to You and to us walks through this dark period of pain and uncertainty.

Lord of the nations, bring peace to our world today—not just the cessation of conflict, but the love and flourishing that will characterize your kingdom in all its fullness. Pour out your Spirit of peace upon Gaza and Israel, in the Ukraine, on Syria, Sudan, the DRC, and Myanmar.

Almighty God, our own nation is broken and divided, and we beg You to heal us. As your disciples, we are called to be peacemakers, and we need your power and wisdom, and your cross-shaped love to bring peace and healing in all of the encounters into which You lead us. We ask You that today, in this coming holiday season, and in the years ahead, You would use us to restore, heal, and reconcile the brokenness in our families, our neighborhoods, our schools, our workplaces, our cities, our state, and our nation.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, make of us a shining beacon of hope to all who find themselves walking in darkness these days, that You, the only true hope for our world, may be honored and glorified.

Amen