

This seems a time when we are being “refined like silver and tested like gold”. (Zechariah 13:9)

Please help us to grow in strength, wisdom, and faith to meet today’s challenges.

Dear Lord, I thank you for your assurance that you are our help. (Psalms 118:6). Please release us from fear of others, fear of making the right decision, and fear of failure.

Dear Lord. Please help us to make time and be thankful for the time to be in Your Word. (Romans 1). Help us to find ourselves stronger in faith, and in a closer walk with you, as we open Your Word - - even briefly. Thank You . Loving God.

Dearest Lord, Please show each of us

1. Where we might be needed and
 2. The way to answer that need (even if small or brief.)
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Dear Lord, Please guide my prayers - that they might be what You are waiting to hear.

An Encouragement:

“The Lord Bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine on you” (Numbers 6:24 and 25)

“A joyful woman is remembered because her joy changed lives, including her own.” Dear Lord, may this be true of me.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

“If we are not faithful, He will still be faithful, because He cannot be false to Himself.” (II Timothy 2:13).

Dear Lord, help us to accept your help always, especially during times of self-doubt, arrogance, and judgment of others.

Dear Lord Jesus, Knowing that you are described in the Gospel of John as “The Word”, yourself: Please help us to have an ever deepening relationship with You.

Help us to trusty you as we try ...

- * to serve effectively
- * to be ever-more united to You, and
- *distant from doubt

(II Corinthians 12:10) “When I am weak, then I am strong.”

Dear Gracious Lord, We ask for your protection and guidance as we face our greatest fears and confusion, challenging illness, our prejudice and/or anger.

For those not presently with our church family, help us develop inviting ways to reach them with Love.

(II Corinthians 5:17) “Anyone in Christ is a new creation.

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.”

Lord, help us to be, reconcilers, guided not by our desires, but by Your leading.

Dear Lord, We pray for everyone in our church family suffering mental illness, May we be discerning, helpful, tolerant, and wise.

Help us, dear Lord, to agree with Wendell Barry, who says

“Choose joy, ‘though you’ve considered all the facts.’”

Dear Lord, may you lead us, day by day, to pray about what is on Your heart.

Our dear Lord, We bring our prayers to You on this National Day of Prayer for

- * those being bombarded and tortured
- * those suffering starvation
- * loss of loved ones, freezing cold, those who have lost their homes and everything they owned

Help them, each one, to know You are with them; that You are in their midst to help, save, and heal.

In Christ we can pass the breaking point and not break.

Help us to know what you want our purpose to be in life

You are not going it alone.

“Be sure of this ... I am with you always, even to the end of the age”. (Matthew 28: 19 and 20).

What is my chief goal in the life You have given me, dear Lord?

“To glorify You and enjoy You forever.”

Please help me and my church to feel the desire to glorify and enjoy You, no matter the troubles in my life and in our world.

Dear Father, Please help me by Your Holy Spirit, to grow in my prayer life. Help us, we ask, to be a church family who grows in private, and together.

Dear father, Help us to appreciate what Your Word says to us each day. May we open ourselves to Your word frequently, and with thanksgiving.

Dear Holy Spirit, We pray for Your Gifts of confidence to pray well, listen with insight to Your word, and to find new courage, - even a moment at a time.

Lord, I am Yours. Help my prayers to be pleasing to you.

C.S, Lewis: “We may honor god more in our low times than in our ‘peak’ times. Please give us courage and eagerness to never give up consulting You, dear God.

Dear Lord, as the book of Psalms shows us, help us to praise You first, — then express our emotion, our fears, and our complaints.

“Our chief goal” (the Westminster Catechism) - is “To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” Please grant us an awareness of this.

Dear Lord, For those tempted to believe “its too late ...” Help us to be cheered and inspired by the words of Saint Teresa - “I am in wretched health. But God does so much through me, that sometimes I have to laugh at myself.” Thank You, dearest Great Physician, for Your comfort.

Dear Lord, In these uncertain and anxious times, help us to praise You in the midst of all our requests.

Our dear Lord, In whatever is Your will, please comfort and protect the afflicted. We pray especially, on this National Day of Prayer, for the people of Ukraine.

Dear Lord, Help me to be encouraged by these reminders:

Noah drank.

Jacob lied.

Joseph was abused.

Moses stuttered.

Gideon was afraid.

Jeremiah & Timothy were “too young”

Jonah ran from God’s leading ...

Naomi was a widow before her empowerment

Job went bankrupt

The disciples fell asleep while praying

Martha was a worrier

Dear Lord, Please help us today to feel you presence, love, and inspiration as You hear our prayers. Thank You, dear Lord.

Dear Lord, Please shower Your blessings of comfort and healing to those suffering affliction. Help them to know that their Help comes from You.

Dear Lord: May my prayers be inspired by Thee, and give Thee joy.

Dearest Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - We thank You for knowing who we are, and pray that you might inspire us to think the thoughts and pray the prayers You wish to hear.
Thank You, dear God

Dear Father may we, the family of S.O.V., be aware that we can let you be in total charge of our future. You are all we need to be faithful and receptive to Your inspiration.
Guide us in this, dear Holy Spirit.

Dear Compassionate Lord, Help us to trust that You will use difficulties to deepen our walk with You.

Dearest Lord, please help us to feel You stretching our love and trust of You during difficult, heart-breaking, anxious times.

Dear Lord, Help us to offer ourselves up to You. Empower us to be and do what You guide.