

**October 27, 2024 Prayers of Intercession
Reformation Sunday**

The response today is “hear our prayer.”

Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Eternal Counselor, guide the church along your paths of mercy. Direct it to be a refuge where all are genuinely welcomed and their gifts are celebrated. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Nurturer, preserve natural places for rest and rejuvenation. Guide the work of conservationists, park managers, urban planners, gardeners, and all caretakers of natural spaces. Attune us to the wonders we disregard or fail to notice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Wisdom, strengthen the voices of those who cry out for change to unjust systems. Give lawmakers, judges, and all those who occupy seats of power listening and compassionate hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Compassion, train us to respond to the cries of those in any kind of need. Give encouragement and comfort to those who call out for relief from pain, grief, or oppression *especially Henry, Diane, Melissa, Mary, Mark, Claire, Elsie and those we silently lift up to you now. (Please pause for 25 seconds or so.)* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Servant, grant vision and wisdom to the church so that those who are in need are not ignored. May the command of Jesus to love our neighbor sharpen our focus for work in the kingdom. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Hope, may the legacy of the saints inspire us every day. We hold fast to the promise that we will be together in your presence forever. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

And everyone said, **Amen.**