

OCT. 28, 2018 REFORMATION PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, work in your church across denominational and cultural divisions to form us into a more complete expression of your holy community. Show the world your likeness through us.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

By rain, rivers, and oceans, remind us how your word flows through this world, surrounding us with grace. Keep us always in the covenant that is sealed in water and Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Free us from the lies we tell ourselves or others in order to justify our words and actions. Lead us to speak honestly and to listen humbly, and reveal your truth among us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Be a stronghold for people who are in danger this day (*especially*). In your righteous presence cause the evil that surrounds them to flee, and clothe them with your mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Continue making all things new. Seal your covenant with humankind, and write your law on our hearts. Make repentance a regular habit for us so that forgiveness abounds. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Guide all the saints in proclaiming the good news of salvation in Christ (*as you did with Simon and Jude, apostles*). Bring your people eternally into Christ's presence on the last day. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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