



**THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

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**Priest:** *As we pray, let the Word of God, which we have heard, be the foundation of our faith, the nourishment of our hope, and the leaven of our character.*

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**Reader:** **FOR ALL CHRISTIANS.**

**May the recognition of divisions inspire a vision of unity, where all belong to Christ. Let us pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**Reader:** **FOR THE WORLD IN WHICH WE AND ALL OTHERS LIVE.**

**For all who suffer from war and violence, hunger and disease:**

**May the peace for which we pray, again and again, finally come.**

**Let us pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**Reader:** **FOR ALL WHO BEAR THE BURDEN OF HATRED, PREJUDICE AND RACISM:**

**May our memory and celebration of Martin Luther King inspire renewed dedication for the work of justice and equality.**

**Let us pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**Reader:** **FOR ALL WHO LIVE IN UNCERTAINTY AND FEAR:**

**Especially immigrants and refugees in our country and city.**

**For the people of Minneapolis and every place of fear and violence.**

**Let calls for justice be unrestrained;**

**may the Lord *“put a new song into our mouths;”***

**and *“plant his law within our hearts.”***

**Let us pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**Reader:** **FOR ALL WHO SHARE THEIR GIFTS, TIME, SPIRIT AND SERVICE**

**TO BUILD UP THIS “HOUSE FOR THE CHURCH;”**

**May God renew our “Vision of Hope,” embrace us in his “Promise of Life;” and lead us into a “Spirit of Service.”**

**Let us pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**Reader:** FOR ALL WHOM GOD HAS CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE,  
especially Sarah Brengman.

May all the dead be embraced in the loving mercy of God.

**Let us pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**Reader:** FOR THE INTENTIONS INSCRIBED IN THIS BOOK OF INTERCESSION.

May the prayer of one become the prayer of the whole Church.

**Let us pray to the Lord:**

**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

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### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**MERCIFUL GOD,**  
**You sent your Son, the spotless Lamb,**  
**to take upon himself the sin of the world.**

**Make our lives holy,**  
**that your Church may bear witness**  
**to your purpose of reconciling all things in Christ,**  
**who lives and reigns with you**  
**in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.**

**ALL:** AMEN © 1997 ICEL Ordinary time2A

