



Global Church Sunday Epiphany 2025 Prayers of Intercession

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Make the church a place of welcome for all people of all nations, especially those who need to know that God's love and blessing is with them, no matter where they live, what they have done, or who they are. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bless the relationships of our Northeastern Iowa Synod with our global companion synods in Namibia, Hungary, and Angola. Provide for their needs, including more pastors and trained leaders and increased involvement of youth and young adults in the life of the church. Sustain their work in both proclaiming and living out the gospel in politically challenging situations. Surround our companion synods with your grace in all circumstances. Help us to accompany one another in our shared journey of faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Renew our commitment to care for creation. Help us learn how to live in ways that protect the earth. Bless the labor of all who produce food and utilize practices to protect our natural resources. Send sun and rain as needed for all things that grow. Let all of creation praise you! God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Protect and sustain all who are marginalized because of who they are. Strengthen our commitment caring for those who do not live in safe homes or communities. Guide all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Raise up voices for justice and peace for all people in all places, especially those in Palestine, South Sudan, Myanmar, Ukraine, and Pakistan & Afghanistan. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Pour out your healing in all ways it is needed – physical, mental, and spiritual. Heal divisions among us and open our hearts to love our neighbors, near and far. We pray especially for (list names). We also pray for those names lifted to you for healing by our brothers and sisters in Namibia, Hungary, and Slovakia. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We thank you for the saints of all nations who have lived and died in you. Accompany all your children on our life's journey and keep us all together in you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers, together with those from all corners of the earth, in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**