

COLLECTS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Collects- To be used for Children's Chapel or Intergenerational Worship

God who is love; we pray in thanksgiving for the ways you nurture us. We pray for children everywhere, and for the grown-ups who care for them. That they, with open hearts, continue to look, listen and feel for ways to grow, learn, share and give. Amen.

God who is always with us, we pray for healthy food to eat, beautiful music that moves us, relationships that bond us, for play with friends and grown-ups, and for the gift of listening. Thank you for these ways to care for each other and inspire us to continue to share in your love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

For children:

Let us pray for the life of the world...

For our loved ones ... those whom we know and hold in our hearts, and all of your children across the world. Bond us in your love. God of love, **Receive our prayer.**

For those who teach us... our teachers at school and church, our parents and family at home, and in all places we learn. Help us to listen with patience as we grow. God our teacher, **Receive our prayer.**

For those who lead us... give the leaders of our nations, towns and communities wisdom to serve people in love and peace. Give us all the language to share your love in the world. God who guides us, **Receive our prayer.**

For the sick and poor... We pray for access that meets the needs of those who do not have enough. For nutritious food, housing, loving relationships, and all of the things that help us to thrive. God of the vulnerable*, **Receive our prayer.**

For ourselves... Thanksgiving for playing with friends and grown-ups, for music that moves us and all of the good things you bless us with. Inspire us to respond to the needs of our neighbors as you have taught us. God who walks with us, **Receive our prayer.**

Closing Collect: God we thank you for always being with us. Open and transform our hearts that we might connect more deeply with the needs of others and be moved to be your love and care in the world. Help us to keep courage as we learn, share, and give. Amen.

**The word vulnerable is included as it is important for children's understanding of the Gospel message. Our suggestion is that it also be included and defined in other places in the liturgy and formation.*

For Intergenerational:

Let us pray for the life of the world...

For our loved ones ... those whom we know and hold in our hearts, and all of your children who are unknown to us but always known to you. Help us keep the needs of all, especially the youngest amongst us, in our prayers. Bond us through your love and inspire us to action alongside the voiceless. God of love, **Receive our prayer.**

For those who teach us... our teachers at school and church, our family at home, and in all places we learn and grow. Help us to listen and pray with patience as we learn from God and one another. God our teacher, **Receive our prayer.**

For those who lead us... give the leaders of our nations, towns, communities, and homes wisdom to serve people of all ages in love and peace. Give us all the language and intention to share your love in the world. God who guides us, **Receive our prayer.**

For the sick and poor... We pray for access that meets the needs of those who do not have enough. For nutritious food, housing, loving relationships, and all of the things that help us to thrive. God of the vulnerable, **Receive our prayer.**

For ourselves... Thanksgiving for play, for music that moves us and all of the good things you bless us with. Inspire us to dwell in the stories of others and respond to the needs of our neighbors as you have taught us. God who walks with us, **Receive our prayer.**

Closing Collect: God we thank you for always being with us. Open and transform our hearts that we might connect more deeply with the needs of others and be moved to be your love and care in the world. Help us to keep courage as we learn, share, and give. Amen.

Songs

Playlist

Bear Necessities from Disney's Jungle Book
What the World Needs Now (is Love)
Happy by Pharrell Williams
Can't Stop This Feeling Trolls Movie
Count on Me Bruno Mars
What a Wonderful World Louis Armstrong
Lean on Me Bill Withers
Best Day of My Life American Authors

Hymns

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
This Little Light of Mine
We are Marching in the Light of God
I have Decided to Follow Jesus
Morning has Broken
This is the Day
I've Got Peace Like a River
Let There be Peace on Earth (and Let it Begin with Me)