

## August 3, 2025 Prayers of Intercession

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Hear your people as we lift those in need up to you by name, out loud or in our hearts. A: [*slowly count to 10 or so*]

We pray for all who are on our prayer list. Visit them with your healing spirit. We pray for the faculty, staff and students of Kennesaw State University as they continue their mission of education, and we pray for our sister congregation Mt. Zion AME Church, bless and preserve them.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth and our Bishop Kevin. Bless them with your loving presence and spirit of wisdom as they lead our church.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

**PASTOR:** Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Our Lord and Savior.

**Amen.**