

## August 17, 2025 Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*A brief silence.*

Help us to raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Help us to safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Help us to bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Help us to embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound. Reassure them of your care in all times and places.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**PASTOR:** Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**Amen.**