



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 06.07.26

Lord, our Lord,

How magnificent is your name throughout the earth.

You have covered the heavens in your majesty and yet you still remember us.

We lift before you this morning the quiet prayers of our hearts, the names and needs known only to you. Receive them in your compassion and answer them according to your wisdom and love. Bind up the brokenhearted, the weary, the grieving and the lonely among us, and grant your supernatural strength for the seemingly unbearable journey ahead. Christ be all around and let your peace flow like a river into the hearts and minds burdened with heavy decisions.

God of Living Water, we thank you for the sacred act of baptism. We pray that each child baptized today will know that they are covered by the water of your grace and truth. Form in them the spiritual memory of a foundation rooted in faith through Jesus Christ. Surround their souls with love from a well that won't run dry. And by your grace, allow this water and these children to serve as a reminder to us that you are our ever-present fount of refreshment and renewal and that you will never stop pursuing us.

Creator God, You spoke light into darkness, called beauty from chaos, and breathed life into dust. The rivers sing your praise, the mountains stand in silent wonder, and the stars proclaim your majesty. We thank you for the gift of creation, for the earth that nourishes us and the creatures that share our common home. We plead your mercy on us as we have ravaged what you have created. We confess that we have not cared for your creation as faithful stewards. We have consumed without gratitude, wasted without thought, and too often valued convenience over care. Through greed, neglect, and indifference, your good earth has been wounded. Lord, have mercy and forgive us in our careless participation of destroying what you hold dear. We were created alongside the rest of creation to worship you. Renew within us a spirit of humility and responsibility. Teach us to live more gently upon the earth and to join in your work of restoration and healing.

Father, keep us faithful until the day when all creation is renewed, every tear is wiped away, and all people join in the song of your everlasting kingdom. Hold us fast, reminding us that your story is not over yet. It is to be continued.

Amen.