



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 05.31.26

Good Father, receiving us with open arms; precious Jesus, savior and friend; Spirit, working in us to the end; we are amazed at your goodness and favor reflected in the "Dig Deep" campaign. We're humbled by the work that you are doing in us and intend to expand in our midst and in the community.

As we find ourselves in a time of plenty, celebrating the provision for the building, we are confronted still with our deep needs and the brokenness of this world. War and injustice continue in so many places. Hardship, disease and tragedies here in our own families. Bring Your shalom. Break through to disrupt unjust pursuits of the powerful and intervene to limit suffering. Expand the work of your kingdom and hasten reconciliation.

Remember your persecuted children throughout the world. Surround them with your love and protection. Help them find rest in your hope, strength in your promises, and true power to endure their circumstances.

Be with those unable to physically attend services. Make your presence felt and bring a connectedness of the Spirit within Your people.

For the many enduring ongoing physical and mental health conditions, relational issues, and those struggling with addictions; hold them close. Heal, strengthen and comfort as only You can.

Jesus, You came because of our suffering and our need. You emptied yourself enduring separation from the Father and unthinkable depths of pain and punishment to save us and so that one day every tear can be wiped away. In this knowledge of your great compassion and empathy, cause us to find comfort in believing that you grieve and mourn with us at the loss of 18-year-old Xander Simonds this past week. It is beyond us to make sense of this event. We beg you to surround his mother Rochelle and sister Bella with your presence and power to carry them through these seemingly unbearable circumstances. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Be their strength to do all things and endure this tragic situation. Somehow, sustain this family through their grief to a hope that can only be found in You.

Help us all to grasp the paradoxical ways of this life where times of mourning, being hungry and in want, are mixed with times of plenty, reasons for celebration.

Savior God cause our church and this building to be a fragrant offering to the community and an acceptable sacrifice pleasing to you.

Amen.