



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 02.22.26

Father God, our only hope in joy and sorrow, contentment and longing, clarity and confusion, life and death, satisfy us this morning with your steadfast love that never ceases. God of perfect patience, know our hearts and hear our cries.

For those who cannot be with us this morning, soak your love into every corner of their being. Assure them of your sweet presence and their belovedness in this community.

For those who grieve, who are lonely, who are discouraged; how long O Lord? Son of suffering, walk in the dark and grief with us. Embrace the broken pieces, hold them and us together. Surround us with your love strong enough to calm the storms and break the cords of death. Have mercy Lord, for today and as long as this road goes.

For Gina Stout, in her new role at Shepherd's House, show up everyday to hold her hand, guide her mind and heart, strengthen her abilities to lead and serve. Quiet her spirit to listen. Guide her and the Shepherd's house staff and volunteers create spaces where your love runs freely.

For Antiochians on the Border Pilgrimage trip this weekend, in a place often defined by division, misunderstanding, judgement, injustice, inequity, racism and disparagement, reveal your heart, challenge assumptions, establish new connections within the team, lay out a path for us to welcome the last, the lost, and the least.

For other places of conflict in our lives, amidst our neighbors here in Central Oregon and in countries and communities around the world, calm troubled souls, ease relational, political and religious tension. Send peacemakers to make a way for your healing and reconciliation.

As we wait until every wrong is made right, every pain is soothed, every sickness is healed, Everlasting God gather us into your weeping and lament. Bind and heal our hearts, open them to your love and grace, soften the places that are hardened, restore an unrelenting hope in the coming of your Kingdom.

Amen.