



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 5.10.26

Giver of life, as the sun shines by day, and the moon by night, illuminate yourself to your people, and by your Spirit, energize us into luminaries in a dark world.

God of all comfort, your compassions never fail. Uphold your cherished, image-bearing daughters in our congregation, and gently lead every mother among us, in every season – shaping the calling they carry by the identity they hold in you. As a mother consoles her child, soothe every heart for whom this day's celebration is entwined with grief. Reveal Jesus to all who mourn, long, or ache – visit with your tender presence, affirm with your clarity and hope, and heal with your life-giving word.

Trustworthy Lord, your steadfast love does not waver with circumstance and your mercies are new every morning. Reassure the Kackley, Bale, and Carlson families of your continuous help. Amidst the mercies of Mia attending prom, Eliza's graduation and return home, and Benjamin's respite from chemotherapy and radiation, let these moments remind them how far you have brought them, and anchor them for the road ahead. Fill them with the peace of knowing the Shepherd who has led them through every valley will not abandon them now, or ever.

Jehovah-Ezer, who binds yourself to intervene with decisive power when your people call, be a help and a shield to the Littrell family. Fortify and sustain Caitlyn, as she endures three months of chemotherapy for liver cancer. Hold her close in the waves of grief, fill her with courage and joy, sustain her body, and sharpen her senses to perceive your guiding hand in the dark.

Jehovah Jireh, our provider, synthesize resources and hearts to echo your faithful provision for our new church building, and establish the vision that you have made plain: to be rooted and grounded in this community.

Compassionate God, open our arms wide toward our neighbors near and far, and toward your beloved creation. Tenderly lead our team visiting our A Rocha partners in Costa Rica this week. Fill them with delight in your handiwork, and kindle in them an embodied understanding of environmental stewardship and your restorative purposes.

Father, captivate us with the abundance of your love: love we have witnessed with our own eyes, love we hold fast to by faith, and love whose unseen goodness awaits its unveiling in eternity with you.