

## Prayers of the People

God of all goodness, we give thanks for the newness you  
give each of us every day.  
We thank you for your surprises, for the people you put in our  
paths to show us new dimensions of your faithfulness.  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**     **(Silent prayer)**

We give you thanks for all people of faith, for churches  
everywhere, for the differing insights into your will offered and  
proclaimed by many teachers to guide and refresh your people.  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**     **(Silent prayer)**

We thank you for all nations, for racial and ethnic differences,  
for the variety of languages, foods, and lands you have created.  
Mold us into people who praise you for the marvels you set before  
us.  
Help us not to fear distinctions but to embrace them as your gifts.  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**     **(Silent prayer)**

Soften us, Lord, so that we are able to enter into others' pain.  
When we are healthy, make us grateful.  
When we are in need, help us to receive the care of others.  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**     **(Silent prayer)**

We pray for those who suffer; for those who have no home,  
for all who lack enough food, for people who have no work or work  
that is live giving, for all who live in fear, and for all who hunger  
for peace and do not know where to turn.  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**     **(Silent prayer)**

We pray for all the needs we name now in our hearts.  
Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**      **(Silent prayer)**

Fill us, O God, with your power. Make us whole so that we journey  
with complete faith.  
Into your hands we commend all who need our prayers,  
trusting in your compassion.  
This we ask through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord, who  
taught us to pray together, saying.....

### **The Lord's Prayer**



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