

## Praise Appeal Service 2016

# Prayers of the People

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### Assisting Minister:

Freed by Christ from our slavery to sin, we are heirs to God's kingdom. Led by Christ's compassion, let us pray for the church, for those in need and for all of God's creation. We pray saying, "Lord, in your mercy," and responding with, "Hear, our prayer"

### 1st Prayer Leader:

God of all that is good, send your spirit on your church and your people, inspiring us to fulfill your will for the world. We pray for wisdom and faithfulness in our leaders, especially our ELCIC Bishops: Susan, Michael, Elaine, Sidney, Larry, Greg and our Pastor, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer**

### 2nd Prayer Leader:

God of truth, in the same breath with which we give thanks for the freedom we have in Christ, we recognize that millions of your children around the world are suffering in slavery through the evil of human trafficking. We are overwhelmed by this brutality. We plead for your loving presence to be with those who are abused. We humbly ask that you give us the courage and will to be advocates for those without power or voice.

**Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer**

### 3rd Prayer Leader:

Source of all Life, creator of heaven and earth and the sea and all that is in them: you make your creation awe-inspiring and beautiful! Help us recognize your glory in every living thing, so that we may treat all of creation with humility and deep respect.

**Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer**

### 4th Prayer Leader:

God of all healing, with your tenderness attend to the ailments of our community. Strengthen our neighbourhoods, schools, and workplaces, that they may be places of caring and support. Be with those who suffer with illness or despair; especially we remember: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer**

### 5th Prayer Leader:

Loving God—Bind people together by your Holy Spirit. Be present in relationships among family members, loved ones, friends and within our church community at \_\_\_\_\_. We give you thanks for those celebrating another birthday or anniversary. We ask that you keep each of us faithful in our journey and confident that nothing can separate us from your love.

**Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer**

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Loving God, as a parent is near to their child, you are near to us when we cry out to you. Into your embrace we commend all for whom we pray, through Christ and by the power of your Spirit.

**Amen.**

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