

Prayers of Intercession
April 27, 2025

Responsive Sentence for 2nd Sunday of Easter

Assisting Minister: *““Set our minds on heavenly things...”*

C: *... Fill us with your joy”.*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

a brief silence

Holy God, inspire us as your first apostles did, to go into the world with the message of the Good News of Christ. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may have the words to speak about your saving grace to all who are lost, alone, or hopeless. May we share Christ with all whom we meet so that the world would be transformed by your love. *“Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy”.*

Lord God, you are the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. May we always put our complete trust in your ways. We ask that you would bring healing and wholeness to all those who are hurting this day, [we pray especially for those we now name aloud or silently in our heart....] that they may know their lives are in your eternal hands. *“Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy”.*

Loving Lord, you are the source of all creation. You put the heavens and earth in their proper place. Bring warmth to the earth as farmers plant seeds; bring rain to water the ground, and provide those who work the soil with the tools and resources they need so that a bountiful harvest may be reaped in the months to come. *“Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy”.*

Be with our nation and heal our divisions. We commend to you our President Donald Trump and our Governor Josh Shapiro, and all who serve in elected or appointed positions in government. We ask your hand of blessing upon all of our military leaders, and all of our servicemen and women. Together let us proclaim.... "In God we trust." Lord, help us to be quick to listen to others while we remain strong to publicly express our concern for life, especially the most vulnerable, the preborn, children, elderly and the sick. Draw us all together in commitment to freedom, justice, and peace. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy"*.

O Lord, shine a light on the path of peace in the darkness of war between Russia and Ukraine, as well as Israel and Hamas, we ask you Lord to remove all attempts to undermine an end to war. We pray for every mercy and grace to all victims of violence. Swiftly bring recovery and healing. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy"*.

We ask your blessing upon all congregations who proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and all pastors, especially for the N.A.L.C. and Canby Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg, PA. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *"Set our minds on heavenly things ... Fill us with your joy"*.