

Prayers of Intercession
April 28, 2024

Responsive Sentence for 5th 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

Eternal Lord, you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end of all that exists. Bring joy to families who are welcoming babies into their lives, so they might cherish every moment together. Bring comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones, assuring them of the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. *Set our minds on heavenly things... **Fill us with your joy.***

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the beauty of your creation: for budding trees and blooming flowers, for a renewal of life on this planet. May we be good stewards of all the resources you have given, especially water, land, and food. May our care for the world you created be a sign of our devotion to you. *Set our minds on heavenly things... **Fill us with your joy.***

Lord of life, you are the source of all healing and rest. Grant your healing mercy to be with all those who struggle with pain or suffering. Surround them with your comfort. Lord, bring hope to the hopeless and provide for the needs of your people each day. [We pray especially for.... we now name aloud or silently in our hearts].
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Be with our nation and heal our divisions. We commend to you our President Joseph, our Governor Josh, and all who serve in elected or appointed positions in government. We ask your hand of blessing upon all our leaders of our military, and all our servicemen and women. Together help us proclaim, "In God we trust!" Give all of us a heart for the most vulnerable, especially the pre-born, children, and the elderly, and draw us 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, Ukraine and Israel-Hamas. 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 Advent Lutheran Church, Winchester, VA. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *Set our minds on heavenly things... **Fill us with your joy.***