**UNIVERSAL PRAYERS**

***Weekend of July 5 and 6, 2025***

For the whole church: may we embrace the work of proclaiming the Gospel in our time and place — knowing that it may be difficult...we pray...

*God of mercy, hear our prayer*

For all Christians living in perilous situations--whether engaging in

missionary work in areas of hostility, war or political unrest; For those striving to live the Gospel with integrity amid *radically different* cultural values, we pray… *God of mercy, hear our prayer*

For those who are embarrassed or afraid to share their faith, those living in doubt, or those not yet confident in their faith, we pray…

*God of mercy, hear our prayer*

For those who challenge God’s inclusive care for all; for those who do not see the connection between the Gospel and politics, lifestyle or social issues, we pray… *God of mercy, hear our prayer*

For resolution to struggles within the church that distract us from our call to spread the Good News to those who yearn to hear it, we pray…

*God of mercy, hear our prayer*

For those who are sick, worried or burdened with the challenges of life,

we pray… *God of mercy, hear our prayer*

For our beloved dead**,** especially **Donna Traut***,* **Priscilla Mwaura***,* ***and Dr. James Prokop****.* And for all who mourn the loss of someone they love… we pray…

*God of mercy, hear our prayer*