

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
we praise and thank You for upholding and ruling all creation  
by Your eternal providence:  
for Your sustaining hand in creation . . .  
for providing leaders in government . . .  
for church leaders . . .  
for the way in which You have worked in this church . . .  
for the riches You have lavished upon each one of us . . .  
and for the great gift of Your Son, through whom we are redeemed.

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As our sovereign God holding our world and our lives in Your hands,  
we intercede on behalf of  
the nations of the world . . .  
those whom You have put in government . . .  
our community and those who serve in it . . .  
those in need of healing, help and hope...  
around the world facing persecution  
Your church, especially for those facing persecution . . .  
May all who cry out for help find God to be faithful, near, and just;  
may all who follow Christ, be compelled to serve, to speak, to pray, to act  
with kindness, mercy, and humility.

**We offer our prayers Lord, for You are good;  
and Your steadfast love endures forever.**

We ask that Your powerful hands may be evident in the lives of . . .  
And in all circumstances may we have the faith  
to hold on to Your promise that You will work things out for our good,  
even when we see no good.

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Amen.**