

Intercessions for ILS Sending Eucharist
4-30-2025

Renewed by the Word of God present among us in the living Christ, let us pray for the world and all in need.

A brief silence.

God our Way, send forth your church as messengers of genuine goodness and love. Encourage creative and robust ministry that labors faithfully, welcomes kindly, and serves boldly in Jesus' name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our Maker, preserve the beautiful handiwork of creation in all its diversity. Safeguard the thriving of oceans and all waterways, deserts and plains, marshes and forests. Send humankind forth as advocates for the Earth and all our sibling creatures, especially where research, understanding, or protections are threatened. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our Wisdom, turn the ways of this world toward what is truly life-giving. Direct nations and peoples in paths that embody compassion, foster understanding, and pursue justice. We pray for those experiencing the horrors of war and for veterans, especially those of the Vietnam War; for any imprisoned or separated from loved ones, and for human lives cast aside by the lure of wealth and power. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our Strength, support all in need with your presence and continual help. Satisfy all who are hungry and thirsty, shelter any without safe places to rest, and protect those in any danger. We pray especially for all who are sick, grieving, or in pain, and for these dear ones we name aloud or silently. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our Breath, revive this assembly as we are sent from this place. Refreshed by worship, conversation, and learning, open us to new possibilities in our churches and communities. Inspire a deep reverence for those who seek the church's guidance in life's significant moments. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our Hope, we give you thanks for all who traveled this way before and now rest from their labors. Guide us by your hand and surround us in your love, until all is

restored in your lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these and all our prayers, O God, our Creator. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and by the power of your lifegiving Spirit.

Amen.