We pray for all according to their need.

Gracious God, you love the whole church on earth. We thank you for the faithful service of Bishop Jessica Crist. Bless her with rest and new opportunities. Send your Spirit upon the Montana Synod as we meet this weekend and as we select a new bishop. Nurture leaders who will use your wisdom to guide us, your grace to sustain us, and your will to challenge us. *Hear us O God,* ***your mercy is great.***

Merciful God, you welcomed children into your arms and blessed them. Watch over the 27 million slaves throughout the world forced into labor or prostitution. We especially pray for the most vulnerable victims: runaways, homeless youth, young women, and girls. Protect them, rescue them, remove their fear and shame, and give them safety, healing, and hope. *Hear us O God,* ***your mercy is great.***

God of Justice, give strength and endurance to those who investigate and prosecute human traffickers. Guide our nation’s elected leaders to grow in awareness and to take active steps to end this horror. Change the hearts, minds and will of those who mistreat the poor and the orphaned for their own personal gain. *Hear us O God,* ***your mercy is great.***

God of repentance and renewal, remove from our own hearts the seeds of greed, bias, and unconcern toward the poor, the homeless and those fleeing violence, that we may be a place of safety and refuge. Gives us eyes to see those in need and hands and hearts willing to help. *Hear us O God,* ***your mercy is great.***

Ever-living God, we hold in prayer all who are ill or suffering in body, mind or spirit, that you may comfort them, heal them, and surround them with care. We pray for these whom we name before you aloud or silently……… *Hear us O God,* ***your mercy is great.***

Into your hands, most Gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your endless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **AMEN**