

FOR ALL PEOPLE:

I learned that love was our Lord's meaning. And I saw for certain, both here and elsewhere, that before ever he made us, God loved us; and that his love has never slackened, nor ever shall.

In is love all his works have been done, and in this love he has made everything serve us; and in this love our life is everlasting. Our beginning was when we were made, but the love in which he made us never had beginning. In it we have our beginning. All this we shall see in God forever. May Jesus grant this. AMEN.

Julian of Norwich, 1342-1416

PRAYER FOR THE HOMELESS

Heavenly Father, we offer our prayers for all people who are homeless this day. For those who sleep under bridges, on the streets, in cars, in abandoned buildings, wherever they can find shelter. We pray for families who have fallen upon hard times and have no place to go. We pray for those who are discouraged, afraid and hopeless. For all of these people, we pray that you will provide shelter, security and hope. Lord, have mercy on them. Father we need your help also to love them and not judge them and to reach out to them.

Father, help us to see your face in the eyes of every homeless person we meet and to remember that they are your children too. Amen

PRAYERS WE OFFER TO THE LORD

Gracious God, out of your love you created each of us. You provide for all of our needs. You are the giver of all good gifts. All that we have is yours. We have been abundantly blessed.

Help us not to become complacent, forgetful and take for granted the gifts you have blessed us with. Make us willing and fill our hearts with the desire to share our gifts of time, talents and treasures with those in need.

Let your light shine through us so others may experience your love and grace. Christ be our light and shine in our hearts each day. Amen.

PRAYER FOR BOLD ACTION

Eternal God, you called us to be a special people, to preach the gospel and show mercy and justice. Keep your spirit with us. Guide us least we stumble or be misguided by our own desires. May all we do be done for the reconciling of the world, for the up building of the church, and for the greater glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Lord, somehow some grow to adulthood believing they are not intelligent, experienced, or wise enough to give opinions and share insight. Keep us aware that each of us has something to offer – a personal wisdom different from anyone else's. And we can never know what influence we might have unless we speak up in the spirit of Christian love. Continue to give us courage to share what you have revealed to us. Grant that your love may fill our lives that we may count nothing too small to do for you, nothing too much to give and nothing too hard to bear. AMEN

Lord we boldly offer to you our **bold** actions and **bold** words, Guide our hands and minds and tongues to things that are acceptable to you. Keep us ever mindful that you are just a prayer away. Lord we thank you for all you have accomplished. We ask your blessing on the women of the NC Women of the ELCA and the work they do with the faith and love you have instilled in them.

I am under your hand Lord, and in you is all power and goodness.
Give me a pure heart – that I may see you,
A humble heart – that I may hear you,
A heart of love – that I may serve you,
A heart of faith – that I may abide in you.
A heart of thankfulness – that you are always in our prayers.

Let us always **Pray and Act** in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.
AMEN

WE THANK YOU

Father, we thank Thee, for the quiet things.....

For morning clouds with velvet wings,

For softening days, for gentle showers,

Returning birds, the wakening flowers.

We thank Thee, in these troubled days

That always Thou art there;

And we ask Thy grace and forgiveness, as we

Bow our heads in prayer.

Strengthen our hearts with "Thy" presence

Strengthen our souls with Thy love,

Nourish our lives with deep service, as spring rain

feeds the earth from above.

We thank you for all you do for us everyday,

We pray that your loving grace will enrich us

With each new problem that we face in this unsettled world.

Grant us your Peace in this unrest that so covers your world;

**give us the boldness to accept that Thy will be done, even when we doubt that
this is Thy will.**

May thy blessings be ever with us, as we go along trusting in Thy way, oh Lord.

In Thy name we ask it. Amen.