

## July 19 prayers

Eternal Father, we come to you this morning thankful for the blessings we receive. We thank you for the rain of this week. We thank you for this heat of the day. We thank you for the challenges You present us with, the difficulties that teach us to call on you and rely on you.

We lift up this country and its struggle with the pandemic that surrounds us. Give comfort to those who grieve and strength and healing to those who are sick with the virus. Give wisdom both to our leaders and to us that we all might be able to be wise in our actions, both concerning the virus and the other issues that press us. Imbue in us the spirit that will remind us to be concerned for those who are less able to take care, for those who are less privileged. Give us ears that we will hear their cries just as You do. As the prophet says, let us be merciful and compassionate and walk humbly with You.

Father we ask for your special care on the young and those about to be born. Protect them from the ravages of this virus and all that surrounds it. We lift up the dozens of infants in Corpus Christi who have tested positive for the virus, for the untold others who may have lingering effects of the disease as infants but no one knows because of lack of testing. We lift up all youth and children as the country – and our RSU – prepare to return to academics. We pray for the staff and teachers who must design processes that inspire and promote learning while not endangering the lives of the students, staff and teachers, their families and communities.

We pray for those in the grip of terror because of civil uncertainties. For those in the same grip because of the economic impacts that the pandemic continues to inflict on us.

We lift up our personal concerns:

We lift up these and our other prayers as we remember what your Son taught us saying: ***Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.***