**Prayers of the People Aug 5th, 2018**

We pray for the church

Breathe fresh life into your people giving us power to reveal Christ in word and action

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray for the community, give grace to all those whose lives are linked to ours. May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

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We pray for those in need.

God of hope, comfort and restore all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit. May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing willing agents of your compassion. Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone. Father into your hands we commend them. Give comfort to those who mourn and bring them peace in their time of loss.

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We pray for our selves and our ministries

God, we know the importance of worship and study, and yet sometimes we just want to have fun together, so bless those in our midst who bring us together just for fun. Bless their ideas and help them bring events together with ease. Make these gatherings a place where friendships can grow and even newcomers feel like they belong. Help us to kick back and waste time together in this piece of your beautiful creation. God in your mercy . . .

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We meet you in the brokenness of the world and the cries of the hungry for bread. Enable us to be the bread that you break which provides life for the world.

And when we come again to your table, Lord ourselves broken, may we once more become the bread of sincerity and truth as you become for us the bread of life.

**Amen**