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Jesus does not avoid the company of sinners, but befriends them.

Let us pray to the God who longs for all to be rescued.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is
(pause) God our shepherd: **all our needs are known to you.**

Heavenly Father, thank you for our bishops Bob and Linda, our priests Joe and Bev, and deacon Glenda and all who are called to the different ministries in the Church. Bless them as they work in your service and uphold them with your power. (pause) God our shepherd: **all our needs are known to you.**

Thank you for all peace initiatives and every genuine attempt at negotiation in conflict resolution. May those who govern be governed by your love ; may those who lead be led by your directing; may the whole world come to know its need of you. (pause) God our shepherd: **all our needs are known to you.**

Thank you, Lord God, for our families and friends, those we meet each day and those we seldom see; draw all our loved ones closer to you, and search out those whose faith is fragile or fragmented. (pause)

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Heavenly Father, as we recall the needs of those who are sad or lonely, lost, or afraid of what they have become, we pray for the knowledge of your love to wrap warmly around them, and your living presence to bring them to a place of safety and hope. (pause) God our shepherd: **all our needs are known to you.**

Have mercy, Lord God, on those who have recently died; may they enjoy the eternal life of heaven, where there is no more pain, sorrow or weariness, and every tear shall be wiped away. (pause)

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Thank you, Heavenly Father, for your long-suffering patience with us.

Merciful Lord, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen