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Prayers of the People – Luke 12:32–40

Let us join our hearts in prayer, trusting that the God who delights in giving us the kingdom also delights in hearing our voices:

Gracious God, our Shepherd and our Light,

You call us not to fear, but to trust.

In this season of waiting—between what is and what will be—strengthen our faith.

Help us to stay awake to your presence and alive to your promise.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For your Church, the little flock you love,

Grant courage to pastors, leaders, and congregations—especially those who feel small or discouraged.

May we be generous in spirit, bold in witness, and faithful in service, always dressed for action and with lamps burning bright.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our world, aching in its own in-between time—

For those who wait in refugee camps, who flee violence, or live under threat of war;

For those navigating disasters, poverty, or oppression;

May we, your people, respond with justice, mercy, and open hands.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our community, our neighbors, and our families—

Where there is loneliness, bring connection.

Where there is illness, bring healing.

Where there is anxiety, bring peace.

Where there is grief, bring comfort.

And where there is weariness in the waiting, bring your steady grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who have been wounded by the misuse of Scripture—

Especially those harmed by distorted teachings that used your Word to justify slavery or oppression—

We confess, we repent, and we recommit ourselves to the gospel of love, dignity, and liberation for all people.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And for ourselves, O God—

Help us to live generously, serve faithfully, and watch expectantly.

When the path seems long or unclear, remind us that you are already near.

May we always be found ready—not out of fear, but because we trust your goodness and long for your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We lift all these prayers to you, trusting in the name of Jesus Christ,

The Servant-King who prepares a table for us and who will come again in glory.

Amen.