

## PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

Most gracious God, who gave your son to be our Good Shepherd: we ask your blessing upon our parish family, that your Holy Spirit may empower us to minister to one another, in thought, word, and deed. We pray that you would guide the hearts and minds of those who will call a priest to be a pastor to our church, that we may receive a faithful leader who will boldly speak your word, faithfully administer your sacraments, and lovingly care for all your people: in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*