

The Prayers of the People

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The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

Bidding

In peace, let us pray to the Lord saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

We join all the world's Anglicans today in praying for Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. With the other Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York, we pray for Grace Church here in Manhattan.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for all the cyclists who came to the Cathedral yesterday, seeking God's blessing. Let us pray for their safety and for their health, and that they will find joy in their riding. And let us pray for all who come to this place day after day in search of the God who is the fullness of Goodness and Truth and Beauty.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for all our Orthodox sisters and brothers for whom this is Easter Day. Let us be especially mindful of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church as we contemplate the conversion and baptism of the Ethiopian Eunuch, the first of many witnesses in Ethiopia.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the people of Islam as they enter the third week of their Ramadan fast. Let us pray that all the heirs of Abraham will see one another as sisters and brothers, children of the one true God.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us continue to pray for an end to the COVID-19 crisis. Let us pray especially for the people of India as they struggle to care for the sick and to tend the bodies of the dead. And for the people of the many nations of South America who are suffering. For all who are infected; all who are in pain and distress; all who live in fear.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for all the nations of the world. This week, let us bring before God especially the people Israel as they mourn those who died on Mount Meron. Let us pray for mutual-respect between Israelis and Palestinians. Let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us be mindful of others in need or trouble. Our prayers have been asked this week for Luis Rivera Rivera, deacon; for John Castaldo, B.E. Leissner, and Alonzo Jackson; for Isabel Hathaway and Jerry McMillan; for Karaneh; and for the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. For whom else should we pray today? (*A period of silence is kept.*)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray in gratitude for all that is good in our lives. Above all, in these Great Fifty Days, let us give thanks that, by God's grace, we have come to know Jesus alive among us. Let us give thanks for the waters of baptism where we died with him and rose to newness of life. Let us give thanks for the promise of our city fully re-opening this summer. And, as always, let us give thanks for those who make our common life here at the Cathedral possible by their generosity. For what else should we give thanks today? (*A period of silence is kept.*)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the dead. Our prayers have been asked this week for So Lai Leong; for Nancy Steinberger; and for Warren Geissinger. And let us be mindful of all the others who have died, and let us name the ones we know and miss and mourn. (*A period of silence is kept.*)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider says:

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life:
Redeem all our days by this victory;
forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will;

and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.