

The Prayers of the People

21 June 2020

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

Bidding

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

Petition

Let us join with Anglicans everywhere who this day pray for the Church of Nigeria, and let us join with all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York in praying for our diocesan Social Concerns Commission.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the comfort of the families and friends of George Floyd and Rayshard Brooks, and for all who are oppressed and harassed because of their race or ethnic background.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray God to forgive this land for the unspeakable sin of slavery. Let us pray God to show us how to heal the wounds it left behind.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for respect and trust between police officers and the citizens they are pledged to protect. Let us pray for those who work for the building up of honorable social structures and the fostering of upright social relationships. Let us pray for every American city torn apart by racial inequity and racist social structure, especially Atlanta, and Minneapolis, and Seattle. And let us pray for our own great city.

Bidding

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Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us hold before God everyone struggling with coronavirus, especially let us pray for states where the virus is surging again. For Florida. For Arizona. For Oklahoma. For California. For South Carolina. For Texas. Let us pray for the members of Saint Saviour and the friends of the Cathedral who are ministering as physicians: James Marion, Becky Kowalski, Steven Nichols, and Haydee Brown; for Faye Reiff-Pasarew, Antonio Dajer, and Anna Goddu Stanicsenko, and other physicians and nurses and medical professionals of every kind whom we now name. (A period of silence is kept.) And let us name and pray for hospital chaplains, especially the clerics of our own Diocese who serve in health care. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

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Petition

Let us pray for the wisdom to take care of our public health even as we undertake the reopening of our economy. And let us pray for the restoration and rehabilitation of all the businesses and workers who have suffered during the past months. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Petition

Let us be mindful of those sick and suffering, in any trouble or any need. Let us call them to mind. (A period of silence is kept.) Let us speak their names aloud. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us give thanks for life's blessings. This day, let us pray in thanksgiving for the Emancipation Proclamation and those who carried the good news, especially those who brought the news of freedom to Texas on Juneteenth 155 years ago. And, as always, let us give thanks for those whose generosity sustains the Cathedral. For what else should we give thanks this day? (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray that God will gather into Jesus' glory all who have died, especially those for whom we have been asked to pray: Anne Hicks, Andrew Gregory Esca, and Erin Garry. Let us pray for the eternal rest and glorious resurrection of Rayshard Brooks. Let us call to mind the black people who have died unjustly at the hands of the state. Let us say their names. (A period of silence is kept.) And let call to mind others who have died. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes the Prayers with this or some other collect:

Lord,
hear the prayers of your people;
and what we have asked faithfully,
grant that we may obtain effectually,
to the glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.