

The Prayers of the People

28 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 United Church of North India, and let us join with all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York in praying for our diocesan LGBT Concerns Committee.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

On this 50th Anniversary of the New York City Gay Pride March, let us pray in thanksgiving for the contributions of LGBTQ people to the life of this city, this county, and the world. Let us pray in thanksgiving for the gift LGBTQ people have been to the Christian Church in every age, especially for their witness to the Gospel in our own Episcopal Church. And let us pray for the members of the Congregation of Saint Saviour who this day are taking part in the Queer Liberation March.

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. We call to mind now the scars that it has left upon us, and we beg God's mercy. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Despite our failure and sinfulness as a nation, let us give thanks for all the blessings that have come upon us in our nearly 250 years of independence, and let us pray for renewed dedication to the best instincts and the most noble hopes of this great experiment. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for Black people who have died at the hands of the government very officials entrusted with caring for them and protecting them. Let us say their names. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the people in the states where the virus is surging again. For Florida. For Arizona. 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

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for all whose emotional and spiritual health has been damaged by the long days of isolation, praying even for ourselves. Let us name those who come to mind. (A period of silence is kept.) And let us pray for all whose financial and professional wellbeing has been damaged by the long days of economic shutdown, praying even for ourselves. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

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. Let us give thanks especially for those whose generosity sustains the Cathedral and those who have contributed to our Response and Recovery Fund. 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 Asher Alexander Pleasants, Andrew Gregory Esca, and Alan Ogden, for whom we have been asked to pray. 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:

Heavenly Father,
you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son:
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray,
not as we ask in our ignorance,
nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,
but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.