The Prayers of the People
The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

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

Petition
With Anglicans across the world, we pray for the Church of Papua, New Guinea, and we join with the other Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York in praying for the diocesan director of Human Resources, Chantelle Simmons.

Bidding
Let us pray to the Lord.

Response
Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition
We pray for the nations of the world, those who govern, and those who sit in judgement. In our own nation, we pray God to guide into the paths of peace and righteousness Donald Trump, our President; the members of Congress; and as they end their session, we pray especially for the Justices of the Supreme Court.

Bidding
Let us pray to the Lord.

Response
Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition
Let us pray for the states in crisis with an upsurge of coronavirus, especially those who are in the hospital, and those who near death, and those who care for them. Let us pray for those who care for the sick in our own city, and those who in the worst days put themselves at risk to bring us to the good place where we find ourselves today. We hold before God in particular the physicians who belong to the Congregation of Saint Saviour or who are friends of the Cathedral, and who served when we in New York were in crisis: James Marion, Becky Kowalski, Steven Nichols, and Haydee Brown; for Faye Reiff-Pasarew, Antonio Dajer, and Anna Goddu Stanicsenko. And let 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. Let us name those who come to mind. (A period of silence is kept.) Let us pray for all whose financial and professional wellbeing has been damaged. Let us be especially mindful of those who businesses will never return. (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. We have been asked this week to pray for Elize Van Staden, Corlea Bush, and Dan. We now call to mind others in need. (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. And today we are asked to pray in thanksgiving for the birth of Alayah Tucker. 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 for the eternal rest and the glorious resurrection of the Black people who have been killed by the 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.

Petition
And let us pray that God will gather into Jesus’ glory all the others who have died, especially Alan Ogden, Martha Smith, and Betty Rodgers Griffith, for whom we have been asked to pray. For whom else among the dead should we pray today? Let us name them. (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.