

# The Prayers of the People

19 July 2020

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

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## *Bidding*

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

## *Petition*

With Anglicans across the world, we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, and we join with the other Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York in praying for the Bishop's Canon for Pastoral Care, Mother Jeanne Person.

## *Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

## *Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

## *Petition*

We pray for the clergy who have served at the Cathedral during its many years. Today, we are especially mindful of James Kowalski. We pray God to send comfort and healing upon the woman who has accused him, and we pray God to send comfort and healing upon Jim. We pray for the Grace always to treat one another with respect, especially those who are most vulnerable, and we pray for the Grace to forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

## *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 Texas, Florida, and Arizona. 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 are 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 have been damaged by the long days of isolation, and all whose financial and professional wellbeing have been damaged. As our own great city continues to emerge, let us pray especially for the many people whose lives in New York will never be the same.

## *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 Theresa Edwards, Elize Van Staden, and Corlea Bush; for Dan Bergfeld, George Diaz, Olga Gilmore & her husband. 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. This week, we are asked to give thanks for the life of Carson Siefert as he celebrates his birthday. 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 give a share of Jesus risen life to all who relied on him in their earthly lives, especially Martha Smith, Betty Rodgers Griffith, and William Scott, priest in the Church of England. And let us now name others we miss and mourn, trusting in God's mighty power to save. (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.