

The Prayers of the People

23 August 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 pray, with all the members of the Anglican Communion, for the Church of the Province of South East Asia. With all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York, let us pray today for the New York Service and Justice Collaborative.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the countries around the world seeing an increase in coronavirus infections, but let us pray especially for the places in our own country that are in crisis, and let us pray for the safety of the young people who are returning to school, and for everyone their gathering may endanger (A period of silence is kept.).

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for those whose businesses are in crisis because of the shutdown. Let us be especially mindful today of all the merchants in Morningside Heights, our friends and neighbors, who will suffer because Columbia cannot safely resume all its programs in the fall. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for all those who continue to march and protest in the name of justice and equality, and let us pray for the police officers who seek to do what is good and right for the sake of the social order.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

In these days of our political conventions, let us pray for the electorate, and let us pray for dignity and honesty and integrity in government.

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 Dan Bergfeld, Phil Hughes, and Danuta Widlo; for Patricia Cortez, Mr. Newhook, Glen and Patricia Scarpelli and their family; for the family of Regina Viotto, the family of Iman Morales, and Mrs. Bayer and her family; for Linda, Rick, Andre Gregory, and for Judy. 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 give thanks for life's blessings, remembering especially those whose generosity sustains the Cathedral through 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 draw into glory those who have died, especially Gary Cowling and Ralph Conquet, for whom we have been asked to pray, and for those others we call to mind now and name. (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.