

# The Prayers of the People

30 August 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*

Let us pray, with all the members of the Anglican Communion, for the United Church of South India. With all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York, let us pray today for the Diocesan Leadership Development Commission.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us pray for populations and places seeing an increase in coronavirus infections. Let us pray especially for the colleges and universities in our country that are suffering an upsurge, and let us pray for the students who have been forced into quarantine and isolation.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

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 racial equality, but especially this week let us pray for the people of Kenosha. Let us pray for the conversion of hearts and the righting of centuries-old wrongs. And let us pray for Kyle Rittenhouse and for all who turn to violence. Let us pray God to have mercy upon our nation.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us pray for the recovery of Jacob Blake, the healing of his children, and the consolation of his family and all who love him. And let us pray that Black Americans might no longer have to live in fear of the officers charged with protecting them.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

In silence, let us pray for the electorate. (A period of silence is kept.) Let us pray for the healing of our frail and failing nation. (A period of silence is kept.)

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us pray for those battered by the storms. We are mindful especially of the people of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, the people of Cuba, and in the United States, we hold in prayer the people of Louisiana and the other states struck by wind and wave.

*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 and Phil Hughes; for Danuta Widlo, Patricia Cortez, and Mr. Newhook; for Glen and Patricia Scarpelli and their family, the family of Regina Viotto, and the family of Iman Morales.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

For Mrs. Bayer and her family; for Linda, Rick, Andre Gregory, and Judy; for Jonathan Walton, Alfred Tanoë, Louise Carayol, and Jules Roth. 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 for all our citizens who have died unjustly at the hands of the police. Let us be mindful especially of Black people who have been targeted and killed unjustly. 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 we pray for others who have died, especially those recommended to our prayer this week: Gary Cowling, Brian Malloy, Gillian Eversole Servais, and Benjamin Tanoe. Let us now commend to God's care others who have fallen asleep. (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.