

# The Prayers of the People

06 September 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*

We join our sisters and brothers throughout the Anglican Communion in praying this day for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. We give thanks for the Cathedral's relationship with the Church of Southern Africa through our friendship with their retired Primate, Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us join all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York as we pray this day for the Diocesan Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians. Let us give thanks for the role our Black sisters and brothers have played in the building and sustaining of our common life. And let us pray for the wisdom and will to root out every shred of racism in our Church, and to ask forgiveness.

*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 for the midwestern states where the virus has gained ground. Let us pray for college and university students, and faculty, and others associated with them, suffering an upsurge. Let us pray, too, for elementary schools and high schools that are struggling to foster both learning and health, especially our own Cathedral School.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us pray for the people of Kenosha and the people of Portland and the people of every American city plagued by unrest and violence. Let us pray for the conversion of hearts and the righting of centuries-old wrongs. Let us pray God to have mercy upon our nation.

*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 nation. (A period of silence is kept.) Let us pray for the survival of our democracy. (A period of silence is kept.)

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

In this Labor Day weekend, let us pray for those who earn a living by the toil of their hands and the sweat of their brow. Let us pray especially for those who work for the just and fair treatment of laborers through labor unions. Let us pray, too, for all those who are unemployed and under-employed, and for their families.

*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 Liz Milvy, for David, 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 Tanoe, 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*

We pray for those who have died, especially those recommended to our prayer this week: for Gary Cowling, and Brian Malloy, and 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.