

The Prayers of the People

13 September 2020

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

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 South America. With all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York, we remember St. John's in Pleasantville, where our Bishop was to have made his visitation today.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for God's Chosen People, the Jews, as this week they celebrate the beginning of a new year. Let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

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 and for the scientists and physicians who are working to protect and serve. Let us be especially mindful of Anthony Fauci.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the people of Portland as the protests continue and the fires draw near. And let us pray for the people of all our western states, devastated by the blaze, as they face the destruction of lives and livelihoods and property.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the Syrian refugees on the Island of Lesbos who have been displaced even from their encampment by arson. Let us pray for all refugees, especially those on our own southern border.

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

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, Linda, and Rick.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

For whom else, ill or in any kind of distress, should we pray today? Let us name them aloud or hold them in mind and heart. (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 in silence for those who died 19 years ago at the World Trade Center (pause) and in the field in Shenksville, Pennsylvania, (pause) and at the Pentagon. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

And we pray for those others among the dead recommended to our prayer this week: Gary Cowling, and Brian Malloy, and Gillian Eversole Servais. Let us now commend to God's care others who who have died. (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.