

The Prayers of the People

20 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 Episcopal Church of South Sudan. With all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York, we remember the Church of Saint Matthew and Saint Timothy here in Manhattan, 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 the world's Jewish people as this weekend they celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the feast of the new year. Let us pray for an end to antisemitism, especially in these days when it is increasing in our nation and across the world. Let us pray that we will never forget.

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. This week, we hold the director of the Center to Disease Control, Robert Redfield, especially in mind. And we pray in thanksgiving for the integrity and diligence of his many colleagues in their fight for public health.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for students and teacher and school administrators as they seek safe and successful ways to begin the new year. We are mindful of our own Cathedral School and of the Head-of-School, Marsha Nelson, and all the other schools in our great city.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the people of our western states, devastated by the forest fires, whose lives and livelihoods and property are being destroyed. Let us pray for all whose health is jeopardized by the fouled air. And let us hold before God all the creature of the forest being killed in the fires.

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; and for Marsha Ra.

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

Let us pray for the rest and resurrection of the dead, especially Gary Cowling and Gillian Eversole Servais who have been recommended to our prayer this week. And 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.