

The Prayers of the People

27 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 Sudan. With all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York, we remember Christ Church and San Marcos in Tarrytown, 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 evening they begin their observance of Yom Kippur. Even as God's Chosen People mourn their sins and atone for the wrong they have done, let us pray that the world will never forget the wrongs that have been done to the Jews. Especially, let us pray that denials of the Holocaust will be overcome by the proclamation of truth.

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. We continue to pray for Anthony Fauci, with thanksgiving. This week, we are also mindful of Deborah Birx. We pray that science will triumph over politics.

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 move ahead We are mindful of our own Cathedral School and of the Head-of-School, Marsha Nelson, and New York City's other Episcopal schools, 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 our western states where the forest fires still burn. Let us pray for all whose lives and livelihoods and property are being destroyed. Let us pray for the firefighters.

Bidding

Response Let us pray to the Lord.

Petition Lord, hear our prayer.

Bidding Let us pray for the city of Louisville and all the people there who march in protest. Let us pray for an end to racial strife and racial violence. Let us pray for all who mourn Breona Taylor.

Response Let us pray to the Lord.

Petition Lord, hear our prayer.

Bidding In silence, let us pray for the electorate. (A period of silence is kept.) Let us pray for the safety and integrity of our electoral process. (A period of silence is kept.) Let us pray for the survival of our democracy. (A period of silence is kept.)

Response Let us pray to the Lord.

Petition Lord, hear our prayer.

Bidding 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; for Marsha Ra, for Harry Johnson and Leslie Johnson; for Sheila Thompson and Katie.

Response Let us pray to the Lord.

Petition Lord, hear our prayer.

Bidding 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.)

Response Let us pray to the Lord.

Petition Lord, hear our prayer.

Bidding 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.)

Response Let us pray to the Lord.

Petition Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the rest and resurrection of the dead, especially Gary Cowling, Gillian Eversole Servais, and Nancy True 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.