

# The Prayers of the People

04 October 2020 (Francis of Assisi)

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 Tanzania. With all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York, we remember Saint John's, Getty Square, in Yonkers, and Mother Victoria Sirota, their rector.

## *Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

## *Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

## *Petition*

Let us pray for the religious communities who take Saint Francis as their model in living the Christian life: all the Franciscan friars and sisters and nuns. In particular, we pray today for the Society of Saint Francis throughout the Anglican Communion, especially for the Brothers in the mission house at St. Mary the Virgin, Times Square: for them, and in thanksgiving for their witness.

## *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. We hold before God the people of the European Union, especially the people of Madrid. In our own county, we are especially mindful of the people of Wisconsin in their distress. We continue to pray that science will triumph over politics in our nation.

## *Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

## *Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

## *Petition*

Let us continue to pray for students and teachers 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*

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 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.)

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

In silence, let us pray for the Donald Trump and Joseph Biden, for Michael Pence and Kamala Harris. (A period of silence is kept.) Let us pray for campaign workers, both the paid workers and the volunteers. (A period of silence is kept.) Again, 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 Christian DeRuiter and Josephine DeRuiter, and for André Van Zyl and Rosemary Van Zyl. Who are the others in need who rise to mind and heart today? Let us name them aloud or hold them silently in prayer. (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. And let us give thanks for our animal companions and for the wonder of God's good earth. (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. Let us give thanks, too, for the beauty of the Cathedral Close, for the life of our three peacocks, for the wonder of our red-tailed hawks, and all everything that lives and moves and has being at the Cathedral.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us pray that the dead will grow in God's love until they see God as God is. This week, we are especially mindful of Joseph Miller, Dan Bergfeld, and Alma Graham. Let us now commend to God's loving embrace 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.