

The Prayers of the People

18 October 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 and our Presiding Bishop, The Most Reverend Michael Curry. With all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York, we remember the Church of St. Luke in the Fields 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 all who are engaged in the online meetings of our Diocesan Convention. Let us pray especially for those whose knowledge and technical skill are making our virtual convention possible.

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 regions of Europe that are again facing lockdowns. In our own country, we are mindful of the people of the upper Midwest and in our own city. We pray for the scientists and medical professionals who are working for our common good, especially those preparing the vaccines.

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 especially of the New York City schools that have been forced to close. And we pray for parents who struggle to balance going to work and caring for their children at home.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the people of our western states where the forest fires still burn, and for the thousands of firefighters who are risking their own lives for the sake of others' lives. And let us pray for the animals being killed, and for the species whose very existence is endangered.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Petition Lord, hear our prayer.

Bidding In silence, let us pray for the electorate. (A period of silence is kept.)

Response Let us pray to the Lord.

Petition Lord, hear our prayer.

Bidding In silence, let us pray for Donald Trump and Joseph Biden, for Michael Pence and Kamala Harris. (A period of silence is kept.)

Response Let us pray to the Lord.

Petition Lord, hear our prayer.

Bidding In silence, 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 Christian DeRuiter and Josephine DeRuiter; André Van Zyl and Rosemary Van Zyl; for Barbara Farrell, Ed Baer, Avenal McKinnon, Octavia LeGrand and Carissa Phillips. 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.)

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? (A period of silence is kept.)

Response Let us pray to the Lord.

Petition Lord, hear our prayer.

Bidding 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 and Rita Bosco. Let us now commend to God's loving embrace others who have died. (A period of silence is kept.)

Response Let us pray to the Lord.

Petition 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.