

The Prayers of the People

1 November 2020 (All Saints)

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 siblings throughout the Anglican Communion in praying for the Province of West Africa. With all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York, we remember the Church of All Saints, Staten Island, on their patronal feast.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for populations and places seeing an increase in COVID. Again, we pray for the neighborhoods in our city seeing an upsurge. This week, we pray, too, for the nations of the European Union that have moved back into lockdown.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us hold before God our nation in all its division and brokenness. Let us pray for a fair election. (A LONG period of silence is kept.) Let us pray that people on every side of every question will resist violence in the days to come. (A LONG period of silence is kept.) Let us pray for the survival of our democracy. (A LONG period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the people of Nice and all the people of France. Let us pray for an end to the works of terror. Let us pray for the wisdom not to stereotype.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the people of Philadelphia, and let us pray for the comfort of the family and friends of Walter Wallace. Let us pray for an end to racism.

Bidding

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Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the people of the Gulf Coast, and the people of our southern states hit by Hurricane Zeta. Let us pray for scientists who study our climate and seek to educate us.

Bidding

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Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us be mindful of those in any trouble or distress. We have been asked this week to pray for Carissa Phillips, So Lai Leong, and Richard Leong; for Joy Williams; and for Gary, Terri, Anthony, Sean, Jannelle, and Jesse. Let us pray, too, for others in need, known to us and unknown. (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 beseech God to move others to generosity, and let us pray that we will be worthy of their support. Let us pray in gratitude for the other good things in our lives. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the dead. Our prayers have been asked this week for the repose and resurrection of Leslie Johnson and Ruth Sumiko. On this feast of All Saints and this eve of All Souls, let us pray God to draw deeper and deeper into the Divine Life all who have fallen asleep, and let us give thanks for those in every generation in whom Jesus has revealed his risen life. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

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Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider says:

Let us conclude the Prayers today with the Collect the Church gives us for the Feast of All the Faithful Departed, which we observe every year on November 2. It is commonly called "the Feast of All Souls."

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers:

Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son;
that on the day of his appearing
they may be manifested as your children;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.