

The Prayers of the People

27 December 2020 (Patronal Feast)

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

Bidding

In peace, let us pray to the Lord saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us join our sisters and brothers in the Anglican Communion in praying today for believers in other Christian traditions. With them, let us pray for His Holiness Pope Francis, the Bishop of Rome; His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, the Primate of all the Eastern Orthodox Churches; Father Professor Ioan Sauca, the Acting General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary of the World Methodist Council; and The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches

Bidding

For all of them, let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

With all the members of the Diocese, let us pray for the people of St. John's-in-the-Wilderness, Stony Point, who, with us, mark today as their patronal feast.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for all who face the rising tide of coronavirus, those who are ill, and especially those who face death. Let us pray, too, for the scientists working to create the vaccines and the medical professionals administering them. And let us pray for those who think this crisis is a hoax.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for our nation, especially for President Donald Trump and those who are advising him. And let us pray for President-Elect Joseph Biden and Vice-President-Elect Kamala Harris and all their cabinet nominees.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the safety of New Years travelers and revelers. Especially, let us pray that holiday gatherings will not lead to new coronavirus infections and yet more illness and misery.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

And let us pray for good and better things in the year we are about to begin. In silence, let us now hold before God all that we hope for, all that we lament about the year that is ending, and those things for which we are sorry. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

We have been asked today to pray for Donna, Carla, and Ana & William Cress, and their infant son, Harlan; for Manny Lampidis, Rodolfo Bolaños, and Francisco Bahena; for Glenda and Gordon Strother, Kristin Bergfeld, and the Atherton family. Let us call to mind others in need or want to distress, and let us speak their names. (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. Let us praise God for those who have made Christmas gifts to support our ministries of feeding the hungry, and clothing the needy, and providing for children. For what else should we give thanks? (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 Paolo Biasutti and Maggie; for Maria De Jesus Diaz Bolaños and Luis Manuel Vasquez Gomez; for Robert Caldwell and Wilma Frye. And let us commend to God's mercy others who have died, letting their faces rise in our minds and their names rise to our lips. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider says:

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom;
and grant that we your servants,
who now live by faith,
may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty;
even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.