

Prayers of the People

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Let us pray for the Church.

God of grace: may your gracious love be revealed in every place through Church's ministry of reconciliation in Jesus Christ,

Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

Let us pray for the healing of creation.

God who is Alpha and Omega: help us care for the world and use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

Let us pray for all in positions of public trust in our nation and throughout the world.

God of love: spread your peace in all places of conflict and war, especially in Ukraine and Sudan. We pray for a lasting ceasefire and peace agreement in Gaza. Support all working for true reconciliation and justice.

We pray for Donald, President of the United States, the Congress, the Supreme Court, and all in authority; that they may use their authority to faithfully serve all people without prejudice.

In the Cathedral's cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and government of Indiana.

Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

Let us pray for all who are suffering because of the federal government shutdown.

God of hope: comfort employees, contractors, and their families. We pray for all who have lost benefits as they face financial hardship and uncertainty. Inspire our leaders with compassion and a willingness to seek cooperation.

Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

Let us pray that this nation will be blessed with a sense of common purpose and unity.

Reconciling God: guide us toward mutual respect and understanding. Open our hearts, that we may recognize one another's humanity as beloved children of God.

Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

Let us pray for all veterans of the Armed Forces.

God of comfort and strength: We pray for all who served to protect our nation and to preserve our safety and freedom. For all who bear the physical, mental, and spiritual scars of their service that they may find healing.

Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

Let us pray for all the faithful who have died in hope of the resurrection and for those whose faith is known to you alone.

God of life eternal: welcome into your loving presence all who have lost their lives to war, gun violence, or any form of hatred.

Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

Concluding Collect

Eternal God,

hear our prayers that we have offered faithfully;

and,

because without you we are not able to please you,

mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit

may in all things direct and rule our hearts,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God,

now and for ever.

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