Prayers of the People
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025

Intercessor

Almighty God, to know you is our joy, to follow your will is true life; hear now our prayers and respond that we might know and follow you more as we pray, Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Inspire your church to be the wellspring of hope for all people; refine and perfect it so that we may be known only for our love. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Come and dwell in the hearts of our leaders and those with authority in our lives; guide them to seek justice and peace so that we can fully embrace our liberty, our commitment to the common good, and serve as a beacon of hope to the world. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Empower us to be agents of your love in our local community, so that it may be a place of promise and possibility where all people can grow and thrive in the light of your grace.

> We pray especially for our partners in Bexley and beyond, who help us cultivate human connections, compassion, and justice with our neighbors: The Mid-Ohio Food Collective, Friends of the Homeless, the Community Kitchen, She Has A Name, the pantries served by our children's Fishes and Loaves program, and the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Enliven our minds so we can respond creatively, effectively, and sustainably to the political and environmental crises we face; and help us build a way of life that more fully reflects the kingdom of God. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Mend what is broken, heal what is sick, comfort what is disturbed in our lives and in the lives of all who suffer, so that we might find peace and vitality. Especially, we pray for…

> Ellie and Vera; Kristen S.; Anne; Kalah; Mike M.; Lori; Kerry Ann; Erica; Stepfone; Nancy F.; Robert M.; Michael C.; Lisa; Egbuike U.; Kim; Ellen; Emily; Christa M.; Alice T.; and Ari

We remember those serving in the military, especially Jak K.; Abbey; Anne; Aaron; Peter L.; Jak; Tyler; and Virginia

Your prayers are invited, either spoken or in the silence…

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Welcome the dying into your love, help us to grow into your kingdom even in death, so that we and all whom we love might one day rise again in your eternal reign. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

All this we ask through Christ, our example, our advocate, and our Lord who stands over all creation and who abides with you and the Holy Spirit now and always. **Amen.**