

### Prayers of the Faithful

With open hearts and open minds, let us pray to our Merciful God. Let us lift our voices to God, saying: **“Merciful God, hear our prayer.”**

For the Church, we pray that we, the followers of Jesus, listen deeply to the message of the Gospel and heed our call to care for the earth, for our fellow creatures and for each other. May we see the eternal and incarnate presence of you in all creation.

Merciful God,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those working with and struggling with issues of gender identity and sexuality, we pray that we may daily work to build a world in which love wins and all are welcomed as the beloved image of you, oh God.

Merciful God,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those finally traveling to see friends and family, we pray for traveling mercies, and especially this week for Colleen and Kevin Cassidy. May all their paths be smooth and their souls be at peace as they move through the world.

Merciful God,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those struggling with pain, injury and illness, we pray that they find comfort and healing. We pray especially this week for Carley and Robert, for Chris Parker, Josie, Sharon Cassidy, Phil and Nancy Bailey, Binnie Thompson, and for the Salamone family – particularly Maddie and Diesel.

Merciful God,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those experiencing grief, anxiety or depression, we pray that they are strengthened in these difficult times. We pray especially for the family and friends of Lauren Saavedra, for Tyler, for the O’Brien family especially Kristen and Penelope, for those struggling with mental illness and addiction, for those we bring to mind now (pause), and for those whose needs are known only to you.

Merciful God,

**Hear our prayer.**

**Amen.**