

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (RITE 1)

Lector Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Audrey our Diocesan Bishop and other ministers that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Today we pray for the new Province of Alexandria, on our Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer. We pray for the people and clergy of St. James, Bedford on the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. And we pray for the South Mountain Chapel Brethren in Christ Church on our Shippensburg Area Cycle of Prayer.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Today, we pray for the Episcopal Home residents and the staff and their families and all those who love them.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Frank, Richard, Evan, Roseann, Jack, Kathleen, Amy, Ellen, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Samantha, Wanda, Margaret, Brian Rotz, Brian Helman, the Watts Family and Pedro, Rachel Mooney, Laura and Brian, Stan and Dottie, and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Kathy, Jeanine, Ellen, Fred, Tom, Susan, Connor and Matthew, Blake and Katherine, and those whom we name, either silently in our hearts or aloud.

We also pray for God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: Andrew Harkins, Kelley Williams, Levi Nelson, Tawney White, Brad Arnold, Kyle Hubert, Brent Welch, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear. We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Andrew and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People **Amen.**