

## 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 united Church of Pakistan, on our Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer and for the people and clergy of All Saints, Brookland on our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and for the Shippensburg Evangelical Free Church on our Ecumenical 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 and remember the residents of the Episcopal Home: Frank, Shirley, Edna, Marietta, Cathy, Sharon, Paula, Carole, Myrtle, Gary and for the residents who have relocated, that thy grace, comfort and love may follow them all the days of their lives, and we pray for staff of the Episcopal Home: Ada, Alyssa, Anita, Becky, Diane, Donna, Effie, Esther, Jane, Jen, Julie, Laurie, Lorrie, Sondra, Tammy, Tonya, Wayne, Mary Grace, Mike, Lois, Kathy, Tamey, 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 Amy, Ellen, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Margaret, Samantha, Wanda, 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 give thanksgiving for Stella Mears, our faithful parishioner, who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday this week. May God's grace and glory continue to support her and bring her joy.

We also pray for God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: 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 beseeching 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.

**Amen.**