

## PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Celebrant* Let us hold ourselves and all others in prayer and love.

*Leader* Bless our visitors today, that they may sense the love and compassion of Christ through our worship and as expressed by each one of us. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Celebrant* Lord, in your mercy.

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We hold before God those times when our lives are overwhelming; when we have obstacles to overcome and challenges to face, when we ask for the Spirit's guidance as we discern our way forward.

*Celebrant* Lord, in your mercy.

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We hold before God those times when we are our own worst enemies, when we struggle with the darkness in our lives, when we ask for the courage to turn towards the light and remember we are never alone.

*Celebrant* Lord, in your mercy.

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We hold before God the challenges and heartbreak of our mortal lives; those times when we suffer the effects of violence, injustice, prejudice, loneliness and deprivation, when we ask for the faith we need to embrace God's healing love.

*Celebrant* Lord, in your mercy.

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We seek God's grace and mercy upon all who are experiencing the effects of the coronavirus pandemic in the world: those who are suffering from physical discomfort, isolation, disrupted routines, uncertainty and fear. We seek the blessings of unity in Christ-like love, praying and caring for each other with patience and persistence, holding each other in our hearts when we are unable to gather together.

*Celebrant*      Lord, in your mercy.  
*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*            Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who have asked for our prayers: the staff and residents of the Episcopal Home and all who love them, Ellen, Jeanine Goodwin, Ivy, Brian Helman, Ellen Harkins and her family, Fred Detschel and his family, Lori, Sherry, Jim and family, Virginia, the Watts family and Pedro, Regina, Patricia and Josh, Nan, Gary, Janet, Daimen, Rachel Mooney, Josh, Mina, Robert Carter, Laura, Cheryl, June, Rose M., Susan, Tom, Matthew, and Connor, Samantha, Stan and Dottie. 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, Brad Arnold, Kyle Hubert, Brent Welch, Andrew Harkins, Maria Bailey, Tawney and Jack Yeager, Laura and David Zitelli.

*Celebrant*      Lord, in your mercy.  
*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*            We hold before God those who are grieving because someone they loved has died; especially remembering the family of Dolly Koehler. May your will for them be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Celebrant*      Lord, in your mercy.  
*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*      Lord God, may our prayers, rising before you like incense, be pleasing to you; and may our outstretched hands be filled with your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son.

*People*            **Amen.**