

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY -- Y R B

Intercessor: In the waters of baptism, we were called to be God's children and to minister to one another. Let us therefore pray for ourselves, for one another, and for all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Let us pray for the church, especially our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our own Bishop, Megan, and those who minister in this church, that they may stand fast in the one faith to which the church has been called. [*Silence*] Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for our nation and the world, that our conflicts may cease and that peace may reign in this New Year. [*Silence*] Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for all Christians who have been baptized into the one family of faith, that our lives reflect the forgiveness and love which was first shown us. [*Silence*] Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for all who are blind to the injustices of our world, that their eyes may be opened and that they may work for an end to oppression and injustice. [*Silence*] Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for the sick and those in need, especially those affected by the fires and all the natural disasters of this past year, for *Charlee, Bob, Phil, Donna, Kathleen, Kay, Emerita, Shirley, Ann+, Parker Jane, Elisa, Helen, Dick & Pat, Mary Ann, Eli, Cyndi, Robert, Bill, Bob, Ryker, the Watson family, the Texas Fryer family*, that they may be returned to wholeness. [*Silence*] Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who are close to our hearts [*allow silence for congregational intercessions*]. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for the faithful who have gone before us, that we may follow the example of their lives and be reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life. [*Silence*] Lord, in your mercy,

People: Lord hear our prayer

Celebrant: Omniscient God, you know our thoughts and needs better than we ourselves. Accept the prayers which we now offer, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.