

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY YR B**

*Intercessor:* Called together as a family of faith from every time and place, we are bidden by God to pray. That we might share our mutual concerns and offer the secrets of our hearts, let us pray, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world; for the leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity might prevail; for regions torn by conflict, that peace and harmony might be restored.

*People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer*

Let us pray for the church; for the unity of the body of Christ, that needless division might cease; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Barry our bishop, for those who minister in this congregation, and for all who nurture our life together, that the body may be strengthened and our common life enriched.

*People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer*

Let us pray for this parish; for our presence in this community, that persons may find here the means to a deeper relationship with God; and for our ministry of reconciliation, that all may find here the forgiveness of God and the acceptance of each other.

*People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer*

Let us pray for those in need; for the hungry and homeless, that food and shelter might be theirs; for the oppressed and downtrodden and the Christians in Palestine, that freedom and dignity might be theirs; for the sick and the infirm and 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, and the Texas Fryer family*, that health and wholeness might be theirs.

*People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer*

Let us pray for those who are close to our hearts [*allow silence for congregational intercessions*], that grace may surround them.

*People: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer*

*Celebrant: By your power, dear God, you raised Christ Jesus and in him we too will be raised. Receive our prayers and those of all your saints, that trusting in you all the days of our lives, we may know the fullness of your love and the power of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*