

## PROPER 19 A

*Intercessor:* Our God is a God of unity, not of division; of love, not of hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us beseech the God of love, saying: We beseech you, O Lord.

For our brothers and sisters of every race and nation: for their safety and well-being, for the relief of their sufferings, for the assuaging of their hunger and thirst, and for the overcoming of enmity, let us pray to the Lord.

***People: We beseech you, O Lord.***

For those peoples we have come to view as enemies: for the peoples of the Russia, China, North Korea, for the peoples of the Middle East, for the healing of hatred and the birth of friendship, let us pray to the Lord.

***People: We beseech you, O Lord.***

For the churches of the world, let us pray: for the Christians in the Holy Land, for the healing of divisions, for growth in understanding, for devotion to the truth of the gospel, for our mutual enrichment, and for complete communion in the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

***People: We beseech you, O Lord.***

For our homes and families: for an end to feuds, for release from the cycle of violence, for the healing of painful memories, for forgiveness and peace between those who injure, for patience in bearing with one another, let us pray to the Lord.

***People: We beseech you, O Lord***

For our all those suffering from their own illness or the illness of a friend or family member, or in any kind of need, especially those who died in the fires, the fire survivors and their families, Charlee, Bob, Phil, Donna, Kathleen, Kay, Emerita, Shirley, Ann+, Parker Jane, Elisa, Helen, Dick & Pat, Mary Ann, Eli, Cyndi, Robert and Bill as well as those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud [*allow time for private intercessions*], let us pray to the Lord.

***People: We beseech you, O Lord***

***Celebrant:*** Lord God, your Son made himself the least among us, bore our sins upon the cross, and delivered us from death by his own suffering and dying. Forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world's pain, and make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.