

# The Prayers of the People

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The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

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*Bidding*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us join with Anglicans everywhere who this day pray for the Anglican Church of Mexico, and let us join with all the Episcopalians in the Diocese of New York in praying for our Diocesan Standing Committee.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us pray for the comfort of the family and friends of George Floyd, and for all the people of color who oppressed and harassed because of their race or ethnic background.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us pray God to forgive us the sin of racism, and our failure even to see it. Let us pray God to have mercy upon us.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Above all, let us pray God to forgive this land for the unspeakable, unimaginable sin of slavery. Let us pray God to show us how to heal the wounds it left behind, and the will to do it no matter the cost.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us pray for those who protest and speak out for the sake of justice: for their safety, and for their strength. And let us pray for an end to violence.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us hold before God everyone struggling with coronavirus, and let us remember those who care for them. Let us pray especially for the members of Saint Saviour and the friends of the Cathedral who are ministering as physicians: James Marion, Becky Kowalski, Steven Nichols, and Haydee Brown; for Faye Reiff-Pasarew, Antonio Dajer, and Anna Goddu Stanicsenko, and other physicians and nurses and medical professionals of every kind whom we now name. (A period of

silence is kept.) And let us pray for hospital chaplains, especially the priests of our own Diocese who serve in health care.

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Petition*

Let us be mindful of those sick and suffering. Our prayer have been asked for: Steven Nedlin, Nam Bok Han, and Anne Hicks. For whom else sick or suffering, in trouble or need, should we pray? (A period of silence is kept.)

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us give thanks for life's blessings. As always, we give thanks for those whose generosity sustains the Cathedral. This week, we give hearty thanks for the witness of Marianne Budde, the Bishop of Washington, and for the witness of Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop. And we pray in gratitude of all who were ministering on the porch of St. John's, Lafayette Square, on Monday. For what else should we give thanks this day? (A period of silence is kept.)

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

Let us pray that God will gather into Jesus' glory all who have died, especially those for whom we have been asked to pray: Asher Alexander Pleasants, Miguel Ferreira, and Jack Nedlin. And for the others we remember now, and name. (A period of silence is kept.)

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Petition*

And let us pray that just as God raised Jesus from death and gathered him into the fullness of Divine Glory, so God will receive George Floyd into glory. And let us pray that his death will not have been in vain. (A period of silence is kept.)

*Bidding*

Let us pray to the Lord.

*Response*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Presider concludes the Prayers with this or some other collect:*

Lord,  
hear the prayers of your people;  
and what we have asked faithfully,  
grant that we may obtain effectually,  
to the glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.