

The Prayers of the People

16 August 2020

The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

Bidding

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

Petition

Let us pray, with all the members of the Anglican Communion, for the Scottish Episcopal Church. And let us pray in thanksgiving for the Scottish bishops who ordained Samuel Seabury and brought our Church into the historic episcopate in 1784.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for the countries around the world seeing an increase in coronavirus infections, but let us pray especially for the places in our own country that are in crisis, and let us pray for Anthony Fauci and Deborah Birx and all the scientists who work for our health and safety, (A period of silence is kept.) and let us pray for the safety of the young people who are returning to school, and for everyone it may endanger (A period of silence is kept.).

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for those who own businesses that will never open again, and for the workers. Let us pray for the cities and towns struggling to survive. Especially, let us pray for our own great city. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for all those who march and protest in the name of justice and equality, especially for those who hope for equal treatment for all our citizens by the police entrusted with our protection. And let us pray for the police officers who seek to do what is good and right for the sake of the social order.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray continue to be mindful of the people of Beirut: those who have been injured, those who have lost livelihood and home, those who mourn the dead.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us be mindful of those sick and suffering, in any trouble or any need. We have been asked this week to pray for Linda and Rick, for Andre Gregory and Judy. Let us now call to mind others in need. (A period of silence is kept.) Let us speak their names aloud. (A period of silence is kept.)

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us pray for those whose prescription drugs have not been delivered to them because of the defunding of the Post Office. And for those who are not receiving their income checks. And for all who are in peril.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

Petition

Let us give thanks for life's blessings, remembering especially those whose generosity sustains the Cathedral through our Response and Recovery Fund. 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 draw into glory those who have died, especially those we call to mind now and name. (A period of silence is kept.) And let us pray God to give us a lively hope in the resurrection to eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Bidding

Let us pray to the Lord.

Response

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Heavenly Father,
you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son:
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray,
not as we ask in our ignorance,
nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,
but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.