

Prayers of the People

Proper 21 September 27, 2020

*Deacon: In turning to the ways of God our lives are saved from the grip of the Evil One, and the humility of love lightens our path. We offer our prayers, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."*

*For the grace to move from grumbling to shared responsibility, from accusation to a search for truth, from humiliation and shame to God's compassion and mercy; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*That we may bear witness to the wonderful works of God, so that our children and the generations to come may walk in the path of faith and announce the mystery of faith through their lives; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*That we may bend the knee of our hearts to those who live in despair and great need, knowing that they are Christ to us, a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with compassion, and transforms the way we live; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For those who work at night, staying awake while others sleep, guarding our streets, and healing the sick, that they may labor in safety and receive the rest that prepares them for another round; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For our President, his/her advisors, the members of Congress and the Supreme Court, that they may be honest and vigilant in their duties, knowing that their decisions affect the peoples of our land, and of the nations of the world; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*For those who have died and now reside on another shore and in a greater light, that their faith may inspire our own, and their generosity encourage the way in which we use our gifts; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Let us continue our prayers for all who live in the shadows of life, and those who have commended themselves for our remembrance.*

*(Special intentions of the congregation (Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here or before the formal intercessions.)*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.