

Prayers of the People
Proper 25 October 25, 2020

Deacon: As a people entrusted by God with the proclamation of good news, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

That we may love our neighbor as ourselves, sacrificing personal comforts to provide shelter for the poor, sound education for all children, psychiatric care for those suffering from mental illness, living wages to employees, and respite for those who attend to those living with illness; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our personal trials may be seen as pathways to faithfulness, roads upon which we walk in order to gain a deeper understanding of God's enduring love; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That peace may reign throughout the world, loosening the chains of incessant poverty, political imprisonment, religious persecution, and the abuse of power that raises a few to prosperity at the expense of the masses; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we may do the work and ministry that reflect God's reign, knowing that we may not see beyond our offerings or the fruit of our labors; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a renewed commitment to righteousness and peace, that we may join with the leaders of the nations in seeking ways to promote harmony in warring lands, and mutual respect across cultures, races, and languages; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we may put aside any vengeance of heart, so that we may offer to one another true forgiveness and amendment of ways; let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In companionship with those who have died, and with all the saints, let us continue our prayers.

(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.