**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*

In today’s gospel, Jesus invites us to follow him. As he laid down his life in intercession for the world, let us pray on behalf of people everywhere, saying: Lord, strengthen us.

*Intercessor*

For all people of faith who struggle to believe in the promise of life amid the clamor of death, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, strengthen us.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Wayne, our own Bishop;

for Marvin, our Rector; and Paul and Sue, our Associate Clergy;

for our Staff, Wardens, and Vestry;

for the Diocese of San Diego, and James, their Bishop;

in our companion Diocese of Lui, for the people of Amadi parish, Lakamadi Archdeaconry, and Joseph, their Priest;

for churches who must bear witness to the possibilities of taking up the cross and following Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, strengthen us.**

For Donald, our President; and Eric, our Governor; let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, strengthen us.**

For those who are losing their souls in the pursuit of worldly gain, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, strengthen us.**

For those, like the blessed Martyrs of New Guinea, laying down their lives in faithful dedication to God’s call, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, strengthen us.**

For all who suffer in body and mind, especially those we now name either silently or aloud *(please allow 20-seconds of silence for Parish intercessions)*, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, strengthen us.**

For all who have died, and all who are bereaved, especially those we remember either silently or aloud *(please allow 10-seconds of silence for Parish intercessions)*, and for those who will die this week, and for their safe passage to the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, strengthen us.**

For all here present who will one day be judged by God’s standards and meet Christ coming in glory, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, strengthen us.**

For those observing birthdays this week:

Becky Porter, Bob Rouse, Mary Wrausmann, Jack Danforth, Jon Hotra, Sonia Spencer, Milton Duckworth, Connor Smith, James Hinrichs, and Caitlin Hotra;

and for those celebrating anniversaries;

Peggy & Keith Boyd, and Sally & Jack Danforth;

that their lives may be for us examples of grace and love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, strengthen us.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another  
 that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide  
 us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but  
 for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for  
 our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of  
 other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out  
 of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
 with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.   
Amen.