**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*

Come to prayer, all who labor and are heavy laden, and God will give us rest. Come to praise, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*

We thank you for the revelation of your gift of abundant life and for the rest coming to those who put their trust in you. For such life and rest,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for entrusting us with the message of grace, that we, like blessed Benedict, might speak a reconciling word to our age. For such mercy,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for leading us into the ways of peace and for transforming weapons of war into tools of charity. For such peacemaking,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the people of faith who surround 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 Church in Okinawa (Japan), and David, their Bishop;

for vocational work in our companion Diocese of Lui, and Darius;

for St. Paul’s Church (Sikeston);

and for the family and friends, teachers and clergy who assist our growth in grace. For such companions through life,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the gifts of creation and for wholesome times of recreation. For such times of harmony,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for those who tend the sick, accompany the frustrated, visit the lonely, comfort the dying, confront the addicted, or minister to any in need.For such attention to human anguish

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for sustaining all who are oppressed, all who suffer for reasons of conscience, all who are passionate for justice. For such signs of the coming kingdom,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For those who grieve, those in places of care, those in prison, those who are addicted, those who are despondent, and especially those we now name either silently or aloud *(please allow 20-seconds of silence for Parish intercessions)*. For such healing as comes only from you,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for our families;

for those observing birthdays this week:

Brett McCay, JP Wischnowsky, Susie Kramer, Brooke Forsyth, and Kay Kozicki;

for those celebrating anniversaries:

Julia & Gerry Amies, Ellyn & David Neise, Susan & Norm Moenkhaus,

Laurel & Bill Dunworth, Kathy & Rick Dyer, and Cindy & Dennis Perkins.

For those who are examples of grace and love in our lives,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**