**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*

God’s word tells us that those who love their neighbor have fulfilled the law. Out of love and compassion for a broken world, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor*

For Donald, our President;

Eric, our Governor;

and for the leaders of governments throughout the world;

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For nations crippled by international debt, for nations who must beg and scramble for the necessities of life, for nations whose people live in poverty, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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, Church School teachers, Wardens, and Vestry;

for the Church in the Seychelles (Indian Ocean), and James, their Bishop;

in our companion Diocese of Lui, for the people of Mideh Archdeaconry, and Francis, their Archdeacon;

for St. Alban’s Church (Fulton), and Marshall, their Priest;

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christians who have more than they need, that taking the Lord’s word to heart, they may be content with what is necessary and generously share their surplus with the poor, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

Remembering the children of our own country caught in the cycle of poverty, ignorance, disease, and despair, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in our own City, County, and neighborhood who are out of work and out of luck, for broken families, for those crippled by debt, for those at their wit’s end, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

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, have mercy.**

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)*, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those observing birthdays this week:

Lance Kramer, Dee Dee Stone, Annora Kees, Maxine Sharp, Lenene Andre, Carl Foltz,

Dick Gold, Elise Zwikelmaier, Adam Barnes, Marin Moenkhaus, and Tina Warhover;

and for those celebrating anniversaries;

Rita & George Podolsky, Robin & Charles Turner,

Hopey Gardner & Vishal Viswambharan, and Jane & Michael Wyland;

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant*

Lord, you invited the beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind, to eat and drink at your table and to feast in your kingdom; and here we are. As you did for blessed Constance and her Companions, blessed John, and blessed Cyprian, grant us the grace to extend to others the same generosity you have shown to us; for you are our Lord, our God forever and ever. **Amen.**