**The Prayers of the People**

*Priest*

Embraced by God’s word, let us intercede for all those in need, saying: Have mercy, O Lord.

*Intercessor*

For the Church:

for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

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

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

for the Church of England;

for the people of Buagyi Archdeaconry in Lui Diocese;

for the people and ministry of Trinity Church (De Soto);

that our Lenten hunger may be for justice, and our thirst for deeds of justice, we pray:

*People*

**Have mercy, O Lord.**

For the church, that all those to be baptized in Eastertide, Brier, Noah, James, Nicolas, and Desiree, may see through the dazzling attractions of sin and rejoice only in God’s marvelous gift, we pray:

**Have mercy, O Lord.**

For Donald, our President,

and Eric, our Governor,

for the community of nations, that the worth of every life may compel us on the way to solidarity and peace, we pray:

**Have mercy, O Lord.**

For exiles and refugees, that all who are homeless because of war or hunger, because of the greed or hatred of others, because of disabilities, may find places of rest and kindness, we pray:

**Have mercy, O Lord.**

For all who suffer from sickness and disease, especially those we now remember silently or aloud *(please allow 20 seconds for the congregation’s intercessions)*, for those who struggle with addictions, that they may find strength and love for the simple gifts of God, we pray:

**Have mercy, O Lord.**

For the dead, *(please allow 10 seconds for the congregation’s intercessions)* that they may be at peace, we pray:

**Have mercy, O Lord.**

For this assembly, God’s handiwork, that our steps be directed in ways of peace that lead us to the side of those the world despises, and that we name these rejected ones our brothers and sisters, we pray:

**Have mercy, O Lord.**

For those observing birthdays this week:

Mo Buder, Cindy Foltz, Jacob Mitchell, Mike Teymouri, Lexi Dressel, Lynn Whittington,

Emmett Schuering, A. J. Andreson, Doug Detloff, Mike Bacon, Mary Gaffey,

Zach Cameron, and Gail Jones;

for those celebrating anniversaries:

Dee Dee & Blaine Stone;

and for all whose lives are closely linked with ours, that we, like blessed Gregory, may serve Christ, and love one another as he loves us, we pray:

**Have mercy, O Lord.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*