**The Prayers of the People**

*Priest*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor*

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 Swaziland (Southern Africa), and Ellinah, their Bishop;

for mission and evangelism in our companion Diocese of Lui and in the diaspora, and Sosthen, Sylvastor, and Manesa;

in our own Diocese, for Deaconess Anne House, and Rebecca, their Priest;

grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For Donald, our President;

for Eric, our Governor;

and all in positions of authority;

guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For those observing birthdays this week:

Betty Harris, Adrian Johnson, Phoebe Mitchell, Sophia Porter, Gwendolyn Johnson,

James Coley, Guy Jester, and Abby Kummer;

bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we now name either silently or aloud *(please allow 20-seconds of silence for Parish intercessions)*, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those we now remember with our lips or in our hearts *(please allow 10-seconds of silence for Parish intercessions)*, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we, with blessed Samuel, blessed Teresa, blessed Hugh, blessed Ignatius, blessed Luke the Evangelist, blessed Henry, and all your saints, may share in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*