**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*

Our God is a God of unity, not of division; of love, not of hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us beseech the God of love, saying: We beseech you, O Lord.

*Intercessor*

For our brothers and sisters of every race and nation:

for their safety and well-being,

for the relief of their sufferings,

for the assuaging of their hunger and thirst,

and for the overcoming of enmity,

let us pray to the Lord.

**We beseech you, O Lord.**

For the churches of the world:

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 Sodor & Man (York, England), and Robert, their Bishop;

in our companion Diocese of Lui, for the people of Minga Archdeaconry, and Nyarakisa, their Archdeacon;

for St. Martin’s Church (Ellisville), and Jon, their Priest;

for the healing of divisions,

for growth in understanding,

for devotion to the truth of the gospel,

for our mutual enrichment,

and for complete communion in the Holy Spirit,

let us pray to the Lord.

**We beseech you, O Lord.**

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For those in positions of authority:

for Donald, our President;

for Eric, our Governor;

for the leaders of governments throughout the world;

for the healing of hatred and the birth of friendship

let us pray to the Lord.

**We beseech you, O Lord.**

For our homes and families:

for an end to feuds,

for release from the cycle of violence,

for the healing of painful memories,

for forgiveness and peace between those who injure,

for patience in bearing with one another,

let us pray to the Lord.

**We beseech you, O Lord.**

For Episcopal City Mission, bringing hope and healing to the children in the juvenile justice system,

for Dietra, Jeff, and Kevin, the Chaplains,

let us pray to the Lord.

**We beseech you, O Lord.**

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.

**We beseech you, O Lord.**

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.

**We beseech you, O Lord.**

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For those observing birthdays this week:

Gretchen McCay, Joan Dewey, Jessalyn Kohn, Christy Ratliff, Amelia Thake,

Teresa McDowell, Zachary Kees, and Patrick Fox;

and for those celebrating anniversaries;

Linda and Larry Lawless;

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

**We beseech you, O Lord.**

*Celebrant*

Lord, God, your Son made himself the least among us, bore our sins upon the cross, and delivered us from death by his own suffering and dying. Forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world’s pain, and, like blessed Ninian, blessed Edward, blessed Theodore, blessed John, and blessed Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist, make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**