**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*

God has called us, in the company of blessed Bernard, blessed Alban, and all your saints, to be priests for all peoples, offering to God the world’s concerns. Let us then pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*

Blessed are you, our sovereign God: for you do not abandon what you have created, but continue to make your grace known among us. We thank you for those you have chosen to speak your reconciling word in this age:

for the leaders of the church;

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 the Northern Territory (Queensland, Australia),

and Greg, their Bishop;

for the people of Mariguru parish, Wandi Archdeaconry, and Gibson, their Priest;

for St. John & St. James Church (Sullivan), and Carol, their Priest;

and we pray for the grace to receive that reconciling word. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, our caring God: for you hear the cries of the poor, you see the tears in the eyes of all who mourn, you feel the pain of those in anguish, and you come to the side of the lonely. Call your church to compassion and service. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, our God of peace: for you have bid us to make warfare cease and to place our trust in you who bore us up on eagle’s wings. Raise up among us peacemakers, and confound those who trust in chariots and horses. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, our God of justice: for you desire that all be one. Erase the prejudice and class divisions among us, that together we might share in your vision of harmony. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, our God of strength: for you do not desire harm, but you favor our health. Give to us necessary measures of health, patience and hope, especially those individuals we now name either silently or aloud. *(please allow 20-seconds of silence for Parish intercessions)*. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, our God of love: shower your blessing on those observing birthdays this week:

Mary Roberts, Rebecca Dyer, Tiffany Kummer, Marina Mason, and John Wootton;

and those celebrating anniversaries:

Sarah & Timothy Johnson, Jackie & Ron Fleck, Cindy & Marvin Foltz,

Annie and Melvin Rayman, Judy & Fred Leicht;

Lord, in your mercy,

**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.**