**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*

Let us now demonstrate the hope that fills our hearts by turning to God in prayer, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all minister of the gospel;

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 Ngbo (Enugu, Nigeria), and Christian, their Bishop;

for the Companion Diocese Relationship Committee, and Deborah, their Chairperson;

for St. Mark’s Church (Portland), and Marshall, their Priest;

that they may preach the word boldly and without apology.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all leaders of nations, especially

Donald, our President;

and Eric, our Governor;

that they may be unrelenting in their quest for peace.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all the suffering peoples of this world, especially those who suffer for doing right.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, those among us who experience desolation, especially those for whom God seems most remote.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all the sick and the dying, especially those we now name either silently or aloud *(silence for personal reflection)*, that they may find life.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, the newly baptized, that they may never cease to praise you for the hope that fills their hearts.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, those observing birthdays this week:

Ryleigh Miles, Loryn McCullough, Betsy Gee, and Vishal Viswambharan;

and those celebrating anniversaries:

Debbie and Wayne Smith;

that they may grow in your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

Gracious God, it is in the power of your abundant and life-giving Spirit that we call upon you in prayer. As you did for blessed Alcuin, blessed Jackson, blessed Bede, blessed Augustine, and all of the saints, deepen our hope in your presence and your promise; hear us in your tender love, now and forever. **Amen.**