**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*

As we reach out our thoughts and our energies beyond the walls of this gathering space, hoping that God’s reign may be the deepest desire of every human heart, let us pray, saying: Hear us, O God.

*Intercessor*

O God, may your dominion grasp us and ravish the hearts of all who claim Christ as Lord.

We pray 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 Osun North East (Ibadan, Nigeria), and Humphery, their Bishop;

for people of Lui Parish, and Stephen, their Priest;

for St. Matthew’s Church (Mexico), and Chris, their Priest.

In the Spirit we plead:

**Hear us, O God.**

O God, make your justice grow in our land, that the victims of this age will find shelter in its branches. In the Spirit we plead:

**Hear us, O God.**

To you, Abba, we raise our eyes in hope. Inspire those whose decisions influence the lives of others,

especially Donald, our President;

and Eric, our Governor;

that they may discern wisely and act compassionately. In the Spirit we plead:

**Hear us, O God.**

O God, imaginative Creator, bless artists, poets, and writers with the creative touch of your word. Make them avenues of your vision. In the Spirit we plead:

**Hear us, O God.**

O God, we pray for all the oppressed, all the needy, all in terror, and all the sick, especially those we now name either silently or aloud *(please allow 20-seconds of silence for Parish intercessions)*. Give health and peace to all. In the Spirit we plead:

**Hear us, O God.**

O God, we pray those observing birthdays this week:

Cletus Coughlin, Jane Gordon, Tate Mitchell, LaVerne Moseley, Kim Dressel,

Cathie Horrell, Joseph Gioia, Rohan Vishal, and Mimi Butler;

and for those celebrating anniversaries:

Karen & Doug McCollom, Linda & Don Lambert, and Stephanie & Mark Nauman;

that their lives may be for us examples of grace and love. In the Spirit we plead:

**Hear us, O God.**

O God, we pray for the dead, especially those we now name either silently or aloud *(please allow 20-seconds of silence for Parish intercessions)*. On the last day gather us all, with blessed Mary Magdalene, blessed Thomas, blessed James the Apostle, blessed Joachim and blessed Anne (Parents of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary), and blessed William, into your heavenly realm. In the Spirit we plead:

**Hear us, O God.**

*Celebrant*

O Master of might and merciful Judge, in our weakness we turn to you for help. Hear us, and come to our rescue. You have promised to hear our prayers if we raise them in the name of Jesus, and so we do. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**