**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*

Our God, the almighty one, counts the hairs of our head. Let us come before God in confidence, praying for all the world, saying: Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*

We thank you this day for the value you have placed upon us by giving us Christ our Savior. Empower us, like blessed John the Baptist, blessed Irenaeus, blessed Peter the Apostle, and blessed Paul the Apostle, to acknowledge this gift in lives of service. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you have answered our fears with love. Give to us the faith to go where others dare not to proclaim the vastness of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you are concerned with the frailty of our living. You know our addictions, our divorcings, our doubtings, and our physical infirmities. Give your healing love to those we now name either silently or aloud *(please allow 20-seconds of silence for Parish intercessions)*. Grant us the wholeness we seek. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you aid those who work for justice and peace by giving the, courage, vision, and strength.

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 Nyahururu (Kenya), and Stephen, their Bishop;

for the refugees returning to and through our companion Diocese of Lui, and all in the diaspora fleeing war;

for the Church of St. Michael & St. George (Clayton), and Andrew, their Priest;

Enlist all people in the struggle for human dignity. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God, that you favor the poor, the meek, the oppressed, the homeless, and the hungry. Mark your compassion contagious that the rich might share with the poor, the strong befriend the weak. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God, that you know the dangers that lurk among us. We pray for those whom you have called to guard and protect your entire creation, those who work the land, who police the streets, who defend the nations,

especially Donald, our President;

and Eric, our Governor.

Strengthen them for their difficult tasks. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God, that you refresh us with times of leisure, recreation, and celebration:

for the birthdays of:

Charlie Catalano, Bob Lipscomb, Dick Summers, Karen Sharp, Lilly Goff,

Heather Hladky, Chuck Kiefe, Bill Rogler, Elizabeth Catalano, and Genevieve Fowler;

and for the anniversaries of:

Amy & Hank Conard, Winifred & Steve Crock, Rachel & Brett McCay,

Meghan & Alonzo Collins, and Danielle & Paul Pennel.

Renew us that we might further appreciate you, each other, and all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you are always more willing to listen than we are to pray. Hear the petitions of this assembly; hear the prayers spoken in our hearts; for we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**