**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant*

With Solomon and the great sages of our lineage, let us now turn our hearts to God and seek true wisdom, saying: O God, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*

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 Diocese of Pennsylvania, and Clifton, their Bishop;

for people of Lozoh Parish, and Evance, their Priest;

for the Episcopal School for Ministry, and Daniel, their Dean;

For the leaders of religious communities and parishes throughout the earth, as they journey towards truth and clarity, we pray for God’s wisdom:

**O God, hear our prayer.**

For Donald, our President;

and Eric, our Governor;

for government officials, caught in the arms race, locked in an age of deceit and suspicion, we pray for God’s wisdom:

**O God, hear our prayer.**

For the sick, especially those we now name either silently or aloud *(please allow 20-seconds of silence for Parish intercessions)*, for the dying victims of incurable disease, for those chained by depressions, fear, and addiction, and for those who minister to them, we pray for God’s wisdom:

**O God, hear our prayer.**

For the youth of our age in their search for the pearl of identity, we ask God’s wisdom:

**O God, hear our prayer.**

For those observing birthdays this week:

Collin McCay, Peter Wangler, John Bennett, Pat Batty, Gina Perna, Tina Heuer,

Peggy Boyd, Laurel Dunworth, Jack Jones, William Pooley, and Cathie Muschany;

and for those celebrating anniversaries:

Cynthia & Patrick Fox, Kim & Pat Dressel, and Susie & Lance Kramer:

that their lives may be for us examples of grace and love, we ask for God’s wisdom

**O God, hear our prayer.**

For all mothers and fathers who awake today without food for their children, we ask for God’s wisdom:

**O God, hear our prayer.**

For those who seek and never find, for those who travel without purpose, and for those blind to the needs of others, we ask for God’s wisdom:

**O God, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

Astonish us once again, O God, and bring forth from the storeroom of your heart the abundance of wisdom. May all who ask for our prayers know your love, and may we give testimony to your grace in our lives of compassion. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**