

Prayers of the People - Epiphany 3-C

Baptized into one body, let us pray for those who are members of the body of Christ, and for all the human family, saying, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Church, remembering especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we who are one in Christ, yet richly diverse in gifts and ministries, may reach out in compassion and love to all God's people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this Parish family, that we who hear God's word and are fed at God's table may find joy and strength for life's journey, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For nations grieved by conflict, and people everywhere who live in fear of violence and oppression, that God will open new paths for peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the President and Congress, that the Spirit will guide them to new understanding of the issues before them and help them find new ways to move forward for the good of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have lost jobs or income, for the homeless and the hungry, for those who have no healthcare, and all those for whom we ought to pray (pause) that the healing and comforting love of God will be made known to them through family, friends, and the Christian community, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, remembering especially....., that in God's kingdom they may know the fulfillment of all that they believed on earth, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bear and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant: God of all peoples, hear the prayers of your servants and let the Spirit that anointed Jesus send us forth to proclaim your freedom and favor. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. AMEN.