

Prayers of the People - Epiphany 6-C

Trusting in the Lord who shows us the way of righteousness and blessing, let us offer our prayers with faith and confidence, saying: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that the power and truth of Christ's resurrection may give us vision and perspective for our lives and courage to live for God each day. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that we may see beyond the false answers of the world and nurture our inner life by God's gifts. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For all who are persecuted or suffer for their commitment to Christ, that they may be witnesses to the new life given by God. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For world leaders, that they may be inspired to new efforts to seek peace, and eliminate famine, disease and oppression from all corners of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For all those whose lives are affected by the power of nature, that God will keep them safe and bring them to a new day. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For all those who live and work in places of danger and violence, especially members of our armed forces; for the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the suffering, remembering especially.....that they may know the peace and hope of abundant life in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially....., that they may rejoice in the great reward of heaven. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer 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 every blessing, hear the prayers we offer this day and nurture your people like trees planted by water in the garden of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.