

Prayers of the People - Epiphany 7-C

The Spirit of God dwells within us, let us pray in the Spirit for the needs of all creation, saying: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the Church: remembering especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that in all things we may be signs of God's love and mercy. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that we may heed the call of the Lord to turn the other cheek, go the extra mile, and love our enemies. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For conversion of our hearts, that God will free us from returning evil for evil and help us confront evil with love and mercy. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who work for peace and an end to violence, that they may learn to work and live together with mutual forbearance and trust to advance the common good. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those suffering from storms, cold and other natural disasters, and for all in need of our prayers, remembering especially that God will give them strength and renew their spirits. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially..... that they may inherit the place prepared for them in the presence of God. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Matthias the Apostle 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 mercy and love, hear our prayers and grant that we may show your perfect love in our lives, and know its fulfillment in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.