

Prayers of the People February 11, 2024

Lay assistant to pray

Let us pray for the world and the Church.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith; receive the prayers we offer.

For The Nations

We give thanks that even though the world resists you, you are already at work there.

We pray can you give us eyes to see where you are moving so that we can join with you there.

Guide with your wisdom and power the leaders of the nations, so that everyone may live in peace and mutual trust, sharing with justice the resources of the earth. Give the people of this land a spirit of unselfishness, compassion, and fairness in public and private life.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

For The Church

We give thanks as your people for the guidance of your Holy Spirit without whom we cannot do anything.

We pray for the grace to truly follow your way rather than our own.

Send out the light and truth of your gospel and bring people everywhere to know and love you. Enable those who minister among us to commend your truth by their example and teaching. May we gladly receive and obey your word.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

For Those In Need

We give thanks for all who reach out with transfiguring encouragement.

We pray for neighbours, workmates, friends, family, strangers, and enemies, who are in the throes of hardship, suffering or grief. We bring before you Autumn McIntyre whose surgery has been rescheduled to Monday. Enfold her and all who care for her, in your in your love.

We commend to your fatherly care, merciful God, all who are in sorrow, sickness, discouragement or any other trouble. Give them patience and a firm trust in your goodness.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Thanksgiving For The Faithful Departed

We praise you for all your servants whose lives have honoured Christ. Encourage us by their example, so that we may run with perseverance the race that lies before us and share with them the fullness of joy in your kingdom.

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Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Paraphrase of the Prayer of the Week

Loving God, Jesus gave his life for us and showed us how to live. Help us to never take his sacrifice for granted and to follow the way of love that he showed us. Amen