

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Priest Let us hold ourselves and all others in prayer and love.

Leader Bless our visitors today, that they may sense the love and compassion of Christ through our worship and as expressed by each one of us.
Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Priest Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We hold before God those times when our lives are overwhelming; when we have obstacles to overcome and challenges to face, when we ask for the Spirit's guidance as we discern our way forward.

Priest Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We hold before God those times when we are our own worst enemies, when we struggle with the darkness in our lives, when we ask for the courage to turn towards the light and remember we are never alone.

Priest Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We hold before God the challenges and heartbreak of our mortal lives; those times when we suffer the effects of violence, injustice, prejudice, loneliness and deprivation, when we ask for the faith we need to embrace God's healing love.

Priest Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We seek God's grace and mercy upon all who are experiencing the effects of the coronavirus pandemic in the world: those who are suffering from physical discomfort, isolation, disrupted routines, uncertainty and fear. We seek the blessings of unity in Christ-like love, praying and caring for

each other with patience and persistence, holding each other in our hearts when we are unable to gather together.

Priest Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who have asked for our prayers: the residents of the Episcopal Home (Barbara, Frank, Edgar, Shirley, Mary, Bertha, Sharon, Jo, Myrtle, Cathy, Mary, Juanita, Gary, Carole, Marietta, Phyllis, Frank, Edna, Ruth, Paula and Geri) and the staff of the Episcopal Home (Mary Grace, Becky, Julie, Donna, Kathy, Tonja, Tamey Lorrie, Alyssa, Ada, Jen, Sondra, Esther, Wayne, Anita, Tammy, Laurie, Effie, Diane, Mike, and Jane), and all who love them, Ellen, Jeanine, Ivy, Brian Helman, Ellen Harkins and her family, Fred Detschel, Lori, Sherry, Jim and family, Virginia, the Watts family and Pedro, Regina, Patricia and Josh, Nan, Gary, Janet, Daimen, Rachel Mooney, Josh, Mina, Robert Carter, Laura, Cheryl, June, Rose M., Susan, Tom, Matthew, and Connor, Samantha, Stan and Dottie. We also pray for God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: Kelley Williams, Levi Nelson, Brad Arnold, Kyle Hubert, Brent Welch, Andrew Harkins, Maria Bailey, Tawney and Jack Yeager, Laura and David Zitelli.

Priest Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We hold before God those who are grieving because someone they loved has died. May your will for them be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Priest Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Priest Lord God, may our prayers, rising before you like incense, be pleasing to you; and may our outstretched hands be filled with your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son.

People **Amen.**