

For Sunday October 18, 2020

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week: especially: [*Stacy Wagstaff*] and for those celebrating anniversaries: especially: []

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For those members of St. Matthew's who are ill or for whom our prayers have been requested, especially; and those whose names are on our parish intercession list and for those whose names were added this week, and for those now mentioned either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For the Church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Martin, the Bishop of West Missouri, the St. Matthew's Vestry, and all who minister in your name.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all affected by the Coronavirus around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down that bonds of trust may be strengthened to benefit the entire human family.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For healthcare workers, who with hearts of service, stand on the front lines of providing care. Grant them courage and protection as they put the needs of public safety before their own.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For those in positions who serve the public. Grant them wisdom, patience, strength, and protection as they serve the public need.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Bless scientists and researchers around the world as they combat the virus, that their work may yield knowledge to develop a vaccine, treatments, and improved measures to reduce its spread.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We intercede for those in whom we entrust the governance of this land. We pray especially for Donald, our president; our elected representatives; the courts; and all in positions of authority. We remember the men and women of our armed forces serving at home or abroad, especially those in harm's way and those recovering from injury. We commend our nation to your care as we strive for greater racial justice. Turn our hearts to honor one another's dignity that we might prioritize your purposes and work for the well-being of the vulnerable.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER FOR ST. MATTHEW'S

Heavenly Father, Pour down you Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new vision of your Glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, a new consecration to your service, so that, through our renewed witness, your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*