

Sunday December 26, 2021 Prayers of the People

With joy and wonder let us pray to the Lord saying, **Lord of glory, hear our prayer.**

Most Holy God, we celebrate your presence in our lives. As our world is set to enter a new year we pray that your Holy Light will shine upon all people, leading us in love, peace and joy. To you be all praise, honour and glory.

ALL: Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

Loving God as covid cases and anxiety rise, we pray for all who are suffering in so many ways. We pray for healers. May they not be overwhelmed. We pray that all people may have access to the vaccine. We pray for all in our world who are struggling to recover from recent floods and fires, volcanoes and hurricanes and tornados. We pray for the homeless and hungry. Bless those helping to rebuild and to bring relief. Remembering war and conflicts are ongoing, we pray for peacemakers. Lord may all people who are in despair know that you love them. Make your compassion flow to them through the love of others.

ALL: Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for this beautiful world, for all the nations. We pray for our leaders, Justin our prime minister, Doug our premier and Steve our mayor, for all in authority, Holy Father guide them in these difficult times. Grant to this world marked by division and strife, a thirst for justice perfected in selfless love. Help us to follow your way of peace, to care for one another and to care for all your creation in ways that are pleasing to you.

ALL: Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for your church and for people of different faiths who call upon your Holy Name. With the Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Central America, for the priests, the land and the people. In our diocese we pray for St. Paul's Newbliss and for their priest The Rev. Trish Miller. We ask your blessing for Bishop Michael. May all your churches be a cradle for the word of Christ, filled with harmony. Draw us together, help us to be a blessing to one another, spreading your light and love by word and deed.

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As we enter another time of isolation we give thanks that you are always with us. We pray and give thanks for our family and friends, for our church family, Canon Nancy and St. Philip's, for all in our community in Christ. Thank you Lord for the love that surrounds and supports us. Consoler of the afflicted we pray for any who are sick at home, in hospital or hospice. We remember the elderly, those in nursing homes. We ask your comfort for all in pain, anxiety or sorrow. May your healing touch be upon Emily, Jeff and Eleanor. Now Lord Jesus we place before you, naming them aloud or silently, others we carry in our hearts who are in need of your care:

May each one feel your healing presence in their lives this day.

ALL: Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

Incarnate Christ, you are the Word, the Truth, the Life, the Light of the World, the Prince of Peace. Challenge each one of us again to be remade in your image. Discomfort us. Awaken us to new life as we start a new year. Give us faith, courage and trust to walk with you where you lead. In your holy name, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen**