

Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: Almighty God, you who sent your Son to bring about justice and restore wholeness with your people, we bring to you our petitions as we seek nearness to you and the body of Christ in all we say and do.

Lector: The response is: *Compassionate God, pray for us.*

Lector: God of Compassion, fill the hearts of all people of good will with your divine compassion. May we seek to “do justice, love goodness, and walk humbly” in your presence. We pray...

R. Compassionate God, pray for us.

Lector: God of Mercy, instruct our leaders, our teachers, our mentors, and all who exercise authority, in the ways of mercy. May they see your face in those they oversee and serve. We pray...

R. Compassionate God, pray for us.

Lector: God of Hope, speak your words of love, healing, and compassion to those who are incarcerated or detained and face an uncertain future. May your forgiveness be like a river, washing away past faults and restoring a holy hope for what will be. We pray...

R. Compassionate God, pray for us.

Lector: God of Love, send your spirit to encourage and accompany Taylor, Kimberly, Melissa, Linda, Brittany, Darlie, and Erica and all who accompany people in ministry. May your presence be a comfort and a steadfast support to them. We pray...

R. Compassionate God, pray for us.

Lector: God of Nearness, we take a few moments to silently lift up the prayers of our hearts...(pause)... We pray...

R. Compassionate God, pray for us.

Bishop:: God of All, trusting in your divine embrace, we lift these, our heartfelt petitions, to you knowing they are heard and will be answered in the fullness of time, bringing your entire people to yourself. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

