

The Prayers of the People – February 1, 2026

Lord God, you have made foolish the wisdom of the wise and brought to ruin the power of the mighty. Help us choose what is low and despised in the world and to make our boast in Christ alone.

Silence

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

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Purify your Church, O Lord, and make her an instrument of your love. Bless her ministers with poverty of spirit and the desire to serve. Pour out your spirit on Grace Church in St. George, the Diocese of the Gulf Coast, and the Province of the Indian Ocean.

Silence

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

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Have mercy upon our nation, O Lord; teach us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly before you. Give our leaders compassionate hearts and remind them that they are ever in your sight.

Silence

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

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Give us peace in our time, O Lord. Restrain those who persecute the weak and helpless and turn their hearts to love.

Silence

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

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Give voice to the silenced in our church, our city, and our state, O Lord. Bless the homeless, the hungry, and all those in need with your presence and succour them in their time of need.

Silence

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

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Be with those who long for your presence, O Lord; comfort the sick, the suffering, and all those in any need or danger. We pray especially for _____, those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now.

The People add their own petitions, followed by silence

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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Gather into your presence [_____ and] all those who have died in your faith and fear, O Lord.

Silence

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

Prayers of the People – 4/8/2025

God the Rock, you make a way in the wilderness and cause streams of water to spring up in the desert. You are our joy in times of plenty and our shield in the day of trouble. Deliver us from confidence in the flesh and grant us grace to trust in your saving mercy.

Those who sowed with tears; *will reap with songs of joy.*

God our Salvation, anoint your Church with the oil of wisdom. Where we are in error, correct us; where we are right, give us the strength to stand; where we are divided, make us whole. Give to our leaders discerning minds and guide them in the way that is right.

Those who sowed with tears; *will reap with songs of joy.*

God the Omnipotent, cause justice to be done in our land. Let those to whom we entrust authority govern with compassion in their hearts and your commands in their minds. Fashion us into a people at peace with ourselves, and make us a blessing to other nations. Remind us that you have made one family of all people.

Those who sowed with tears; *will reap with songs of joy.*

God the All-Merciful, bind up the wounds we have inflicted upon others and your good creation. Feed the hungry, heal the sick, shelter the homeless, and comfort those who mourn. Let your peace reign in every corner of our world.

Those who sowed with tears; *will reap with songs of joy.*

God our Healer, let those who go out weeping return with joyful music. Aid those who suffer from any trouble, sickness, or distress, especially [____]. Fill their mouths with laughter and their tongues with shouts of joy.

Those who sowed with tears; *will reap with songs of joy.*

God our Resurrection, give to the departed eternal rest. We pray for the repose of [____, and] all those who have entered your loving care. Grant that we might depart this life in your faith and fear, trusting at all times in your promises to us.

Those who sowed with tears; *will reap with songs of joy.*

Prayers of the People - 5/18/2025

Almighty God, you are the Alpha and the Omega. Make your dwelling place among us and teach us to love our neighbors as you have loved us. Baptize us with your Holy Spirit, and give us that repentance which leads to eternal life.

See, the home of God is among mortals, *he will dwell with us as our God.*

Almighty God, what you have made clean let no-one call profane. Send your Church into the broken places of the world and make us instruments of your new creation. Give our leaders and people wisdom to see your work in the places and people we have ignored.

See, the home of God is among mortals, *he will dwell with us as our God.*

Almighty God, kings, princes, and rulers fall down before your throne. Guide those elected to government in the way of love and truth, that justice and peace may prevail in our land. Cause our divisions to fall away and draw us together in a fellowship of neighborly love.

See, the home of God is among mortals, *he will dwell with us as our God.*

Almighty God, your name is exalted over heaven and earth. Where there is hatred, create love; where there is conflict, sow peace; where there is need, provide abundantly. Make mourning and crying and pain to be no more. Hasten the coming of your kingdom and restore the world we have shattered.

See, the home of God is among mortals, *he will dwell with us as our God.*

Almighty God, all the hosts of the heavenly city praise your name. Bless our city; its streets, homes, parks, schools, places of business, and all its people. Bind up our wounds, and make us a new Jerusalem. Create in our leaders a heart for your service, that they might use their offices to pursue the common good.

See, the home of God is among mortals, *he will dwell with us as our God.*

Almighty God, you have made us a people near to you. Heal the sick, comfort the afflicted, shelter the homeless, and wipe every tear from their eyes. We pray especially for [____], those on our parish prayer list, and those whom we name with our lips or our hearts.

See, the home of God is among mortals, *he will dwell with us as our God.*

Almighty God, even death trembles at the sound of your voice. Give to the departed eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Send your blessing upon [____] and all those we love but see no longer. Comfort those who mourn, and grant us grace to die in your faith and fear.

See, the home of God is among mortals, *he will dwell with us as our God.*

Unknown date

Blessed be the Lord God, who alone does wondrous deeds! Blessed be his glorious Name for ever, and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Let us prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight, saying:

Root of Jesse, *make your dwelling in our hearts.*

Give to your Church, O Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. Adorn her ministers with righteousness and make her an instrument of your peace.

Root of Jesse, *make your dwelling in our hearts.*

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of Uganda. In the Episcopal cycle of prayer, we pray for Episcopal Relief and Development. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Episcopal Community services.

Root of Jesse, *make your dwelling in our hearts.*

O God of steadfastness and encouragement, grant that all the peoples of this nation may live in harmony with one another and in the way of Christ Jesus. Give repentance to our leaders; teach them to judge the poor with righteousness and decide with equity for the meek.

Root of Jesse, *make your dwelling in our hearts.*

Lord our Governor, make good your promise of peace in the world. Let the wolf lie down with the lamb and the calf with the lion. Defend the needy among the people; rescue the poor and restrain the oppressor.

Root of Jesse, *make your dwelling in our hearts.*

Let the mountains bring prosperity to your people, and the little hills righteousness. Blanket this city with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Root of Jesse, *make your dwelling in our hearts.*

Come down upon us like rain, O Lord. Send forth your healing showers upon the earth to bring comfort to those who are afflicted. We ask your blessing upon ____, those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now with our lips or in our hearts.

The people may add their petitions, silently or aloud

Root of Jesse, *make your dwelling in our hearts.*

Resurrected Lord, you raise up for yourself children from among the stones. Gather the wheat into your granary, that all those who call upon your name [and especially ____] may share in the joys of your everlasting kingdom.

Root of Jesse, *make your dwelling in our hearts.*

Prayers of the People for November 9th, 2025

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the God not of the dead, but of the living. Enliven our hearts with affection for those things that are good, that we may serve you for the sake of love alone.

Silence

Take your seat in the throne of our hearts; *make us children of the Resurrection.*

Breathe new life into your Church, Lord Jesus. Send into our midst all those who seek the Truth, and make us wise teachers of those we receive. Fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Silence

Take your seat in the throne of our hearts; *make us children of the Resurrection.*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Spirit in the Desert Church in Ivins. In the Episcopal cycle of prayer, we pray for the School of Theology at Sewanee. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Iglesia del Cono Sur de America. Make your churches one in mission.

Silence

Take your seat in the throne of our hearts; *make us children of the Resurrection.*

God of might, your power shakes the nations. Turn our hearts from division and strife; rule this nation with the new law of neighborly love.

Silence

Take your seat in the throne of our hearts; *make us children of the Resurrection.*

You hold all things in life, O Lord. Make known your marvelous works among all the peoples of the world. Where there is peace, preserve it; where there is war, end it; where there is sickness, cure it.

Silence

Take your seat in the throne of our hearts; *make us children of the Resurrection.*

Lord God, you strengthen us in every good deed. Look with favor upon St. Mark's Cathedral and its environs, blessing us with a spirit of joyful service to all of our neighbors.

Silence

Take your seat in the throne of our hearts; *make us children of the Resurrection.*

Merciful God, you are near to those who call upon you. Bless those who suffer from illness or any kind of trouble with your loving presence, comfort them in distress, and restore them to health.

Silence

Take your seat in the throne of our hearts; *make us children of the Resurrection.*

Christ our Savior, you preserve all those who love you. Give to the departed[, especially ____] eternal rest, and make them heirs of your glorious resurrection.

Silence

Take your seat in the throne of our hearts; *make us children of the Resurrection.*

10/5/2025

The thought of our affliction is wormwood and gall, O Lord. Send forth your steadfast love and mercy, which is the portion of all your people. Grant us grace to wait quietly for our salvation, even in the midst of bitter trials.

Silence

Lord, your people weep bitterly; *comfort us in our distress.*

Your people, O Lord, need your presence in all the world. We pray for ____ in the Diocesan cycle of prayer, ____ in the Episcopal cycle of prayer, and ____ in the Anglican cycle of prayer.

Silence

Lord, your people weep bitterly; *comfort us in our distress.*

Your Church, O Lord, sojourns in a strange land. Teach us to rely on your grace in all things, trusting that you will not desert us. Bless all the ministers of the Church in their various callings, sanctifying the work of their hands to your glory.

Silence

Lord, your people weep bitterly; *comfort us in our distress.*

Spare our nation, O Lord; make us not to suffer for the multitude of our transgressions. Turn the hearts of our leaders to repentance, and make good among us your promise of everlasting peace.

Silence

Lord, your people weep bitterly; *comfort us in our distress.*

Your mercies never come to an end, O Lord. Make those who weep bitterly in the night joyful once more. Let those who live in exile return to their homes. Turn back those who pursue the weak and defenseless.

Silence

Lord, your people weep bitterly; *comfort us in our distress.*

Lift up the gates of this city, O Lord. Fill us with neighborly love and self discipline, that our hearts may be bound together in a new commonwealth of peace.

Silence

Lord, your people weep bitterly; *comfort us in our distress.*

Comfort, O Lord, those who have no comforter. Dry their eyes, bind up their wounds, and fill them with your presence. We pray especially for ____, all those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now with our lips and in our hearts.

The people may add their own petitions, followed by silence

Lord, your people weep bitterly; *comfort us in our distress.*

You have abolished death, O Lord, through your Son Jesus Christ. Bring into your everlasting light all who have died in the fellowship of the Church [especially ____], and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Silence

Lord, your people weep bitterly; *comfort us in our distress.*