

[Prayers of the People - start here]

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Andrew, Mary, and Allen; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. **[PAUSE]**
Pray for the Church.

[PAUSE 5 SECONDS - WAIT AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO ADD THEIR PRAYERS]

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. **[PAUSE]**
Pray for justice and peace.

[PAUSE 5 SECONDS - WAIT AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO ADD THEIR PRAYERS]

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. **[PAUSE]**
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

[PAUSE 5 SECONDS - WAIT AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO ADD THEIR PRAYERS]

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. **[PAUSE]**
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

[PAUSE 5 SECONDS - WAIT AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO ADD THEIR PRAYERS]

I ask your prayers for this congregation, that we may have the courage and grace to live our core values of Faith, Integrity, Inclusiveness, Compassion, Social Justice, and Stewardship.

Pray that we may live into our mission and vision to the fullest.

[PAUSE 5 SECONDS - WAIT AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO ADD THEIR PRAYERS]

I ask your prayers for the departed. **[PAUSE]**

[PAUSE]

Pray for those who have died.

[PAUSE 20 SECONDS - COUNT TO 20 - WAIT]

[WAIT WAIT WAIT!!! DON'T RUSH]

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

[PAUSE 2 SECONDS]

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

[REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL THE CELEBRANT HAS PRAYED THE CLOSING COLLECT, ENDING WITH “Amen”]