

[THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE- BREATHE, READ SLOWLY]

In the confidence we share with Mary, let us pray to our God, the Mighty One who has done great things for us.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for bishops and ministers, for all of us gathered here.

Pray for the Church.

God of love,

[The people respond: *Hear our prayer.*]

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations and all in authority, especially Donald our president, Andrew our governor, and Bill our mayor, that they may obey your Spirit and bless your people.

Pray for sound government.

God of love,

[The people respond: *Hear our prayer.*]

I ask your prayers for goodwill among nations and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

God of love,

[The people respond: *Hear our prayer.*]

I ask your prayers for our parish community.

Pray that God would grant us the grace to live our Core Values of Faith, Integrity, Inclusiveness, Compassion, Social Justice, and Stewardship, for the good of our neighborhood and our world.

God of love,

[The people respond: *Hear our prayer.*]

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I ask your prayers for God's creation and for the will and wisdom to care for it.

Pray for the earth and seas.

God of love,

[The people respond: *Hear our prayer.*]

**I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed,
and those in prison.**

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

God of love,

[The people respond: *Hear our prayer.*]

I ask your prayers for those who have died and those who mourn.

Pray for God's light to shine upon them.

God of love,

[The people respond: *Hear our prayer.*]

Praise God for those in every generation who follow Jesus and give glory to God.

Pray that we will learn to do the same, every day.

God of love,

[The people respond: *Hear our prayer.*]

[RETURN TO YOUR SEAT FOR THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION]