

The Prayers of the People for the week of July 6, 2008

You may stand or kneel as you wish. In the silence provided in a particular petition please feel free to insert your own particular petitions and concerns, either silently or aloud.

PRESIDER: Let us pray to God.

LEM: For the Church of God throughout the world;

- ❖ For Churches of the Reformed tradition; in the Anglican Cycle for The United Church of Pakistan and our companion dioceses of Bor in Sudan, and Brasilia; and in our own diocese for St. James Church in Newcastle;
- ❖ For those who lead our church including Katharine our Presiding Bishop, Catherine our diocesan bishop, and the vestry and wardens, clergy and lay staff of this parish;
- ❖ For all bishops attending this summer's Lambeth Conference, we pray to God;

People: Holy and only God, hear us.

LEM: For this gathering and all who worship with us today;

- ❖ For growth in our own spiritual lives and in our understanding of how we support others in their spiritual journey; we pray to God;

People: God of glory, hear us.

LEM: For those who hold elected office of any sort;

- ❖ For the protection of Cecily Brewer in the Democratic Republic of Congo, for Cullen, Tim, Lonnie, John, JD, Keegan, Nick, Peter, Terry, Cody, Derrick and all service men and women serving in harm's way and for their families; for civilian populations living in theaters of war; and for our enemies and those who wish us harm;
- ❖ For David who has lost his job;
- ❖ For the success of all efforts to create a global partnership for development;
- ❖ For all captives and prisoners including those scheduled to be executed this week: Carlton Turner in Texas and Kent Jackson in Virginia, and for their families; for their victims Carlton and Tonya Turner and Beulah Mae Kaiser and their families; and for their executioners; for homeless persons in this community and all who come to St. John's for food, sobriety, or any human need;
- ❖ For the transformation of our society, that God's justice and peace will find a home in our thinking and acting, and God's reign will become a blessing for all, we pray to God;

People: God of the outcast and forgotten, hear us.

LEM: For God's healing in the lives of Sally Hastings, Charlotte Tomes, Mary Moore, Dean Hunter, Fran Meeks, Aliyah, Craig, Sherry, Kim and her family, Mary Kay, Gordon, Jordan, Betty, Ada, Walt, Tom, Linda, Sue, Stephen, and any others we now name... ;

- ❖ For God's peace to be with Helen, Rex, and all for whom death is near;
- ❖ For all who suffer or are displaced from their homes and places of work due to flooding in our region; we pray to God;

People: God of compassion, hear us.

LEM: In our parish cycle of prayer for Mary Ann Burns; Greg Buzzard, Hilary Cooke and their children Isaac and Ezra; Rebecca Byrn and her children Christopher and Joshua; and Steve and Sally Byrn and their children Daniel and Sarah;

- ❖ Giving thanks for the opportunities for rest and renewal that these summer weeks give us, and for the traditions of corporate worship to which we are heirs;
- ❖ Joining with Bob and Helen Slagel who give thanks for their many blessings and with Jim and Barb Hess who give thanks for their grandchildren Kyle and Jacob;
- ❖ Giving thanks for the liberties and advantages we enjoy and praying for the will to maintain and share them with all persons in this society;
- ❖ And inviting any thanksgiving you wish to offer, either silently or aloud... (*pause*), we pray to God;

People: God of abundance, hear us.

LEM: For the dying and the dead including Wanda who died last week, for all whose ashes have been buried in the Memorial Garden, and any others we now name... ;

- ❖ For the consolation of all who mourn and grieve;
- ❖ And for those who have no one to pray for them; we pray to God;

People: Loving God, hear us.

PRESIDER: Holy God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine over the waste of our many wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your holy Church, peace among peoples and nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. We pray in Jesus' name,
People: **AMEN.**