

***NetsforLife*[®]** **Prayers of the People**

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers saying, “Christ, have mercy”

Lord Jesus, you called your Apostles Matthew and Andrew from a life of fishing to your ministry and dropping their nets they followed you; today, we follow up by picking up our nets to serve those who suffer and die from malaria in sub-Saharan Africa, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

Empower your Church to find new ways to be unified in your own mission of healing and reconciliation and with your own Spirit, clothe us; let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

Inspire all the leaders of this land [especially _____] to work for peace, unity and concord in this country and all across the globe, as those in authority and those afflicted with malaria find ways to cooperate to make their environment safe; let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

Make us ever mindful of your creation and employ our minds, hearts and bodies to use its resources justly to serve those in need, especially those afflicted with malaria; let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

Bless each of us in this congregation [both present and absent], assisting us to be truly thankful for your constant benevolence, and continually attentive to the needs of others in this community and around the world; let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

Comfort and heal those who suffer loss of peace, love, and life at the hands of malaria, and make us ever more conscious of the things that can be done to prevent the spread of malaria, and empower us to actively fight against it through the work of the Episcopal Relief & Development’s *NetsforLife*[®] malaria prevention program; let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

We commend to your mercy all who have died from preventable diseases, like malaria, may they find peace and comfort in your everlasting kingdom; let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

Almighty God, accept our prayers and petitions for those whose blood is currently tainted by the malaria virus and for those who live in areas that are prone to this preventable disease; may your mercy knit us together into one body, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.