



Prayers of the People

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Before our Savior was crucified, he promised to draw all creation to himself. Let us pray, therefore, that the peace accomplished through the Cross of Christ may be realized in our world, our communities, and our relationships. Let us pray for the Church and the world God loves, for peace among all the nations, and for the reconciliation of all people and all things in the Name of Christ.

Silence

Leader: God of love, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected throughout the world, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given.

Silence

Leader: God of love, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for schools and centers of learning throughout the world, for those who lack access to basic education, and for the light of knowledge to blossom and shine in the lives of all God's people.

Silence

Leader: God of love, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for an end to the divisions and inequalities that scar God's creation, particularly the barriers to freedom faced by God's children throughout the world because of gender; that all who have been formed in God's image might have equality in pursuit of the blessings of creation.

Silence

Leader: God of love in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the health of women, children and families around the world, especially for an end to maternal and child mortality, that in building healthy families, all God's people may be empowered to strengthen their communities and repair the breaches which divide nations and peoples.

Silence

Leader: God of love, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**



Leader: Let us pray for an end to pandemic disease throughout the world, particularly the scourges of HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis; that plagues of death may no longer fuel poverty, destabilize nations, and inhibit reconciliation and restoration throughout the world.

Silence

Leader: God of love, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation, for access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among all people, and for communities and nations to find sustenance in the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us.

Silence

Leader: God of love, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for all nations and people who already enjoy the abundance of creation and the blessings of prosperity, that their hearts may be lifted up to the needs of the poor and afflicted and partnerships between rich and poor for the reconciliation of the world may flourish.

Silence

Leader: God of love, in your mercy,

People: **Hear out prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the departed, particularly those who have died as a result of poverty, hunger, disease, violence, or hardness of the human heart.

Silence

Leader: God of love, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant continues:

Eternal God, continue to grace your people with the will to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you as we respond to the call to heal a hurting world and discern your presence in all challenges we face as your people, for we have been redeemed by your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*