

Prayers of the People – Presentation of Christ

Intercessor Holy Redeemer, we have seen the salvation of our God, hear us as we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the whole human family, saying: *Hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Audrey, bishop of Central Pennsylvania, that the Light of Christ may shine through our lives and reveal God to all who are searching. *Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may recognize Christ in the people and places of our lives, particularly in the poor, the least, the lost and the other. *Hear our prayer.*

For all world leaders, that God will open their eyes and their hearts to see the value and dignity of human life and work tirelessly for peace. *Hear our prayer.*

For the members of Congress, that God will guide their deliberations, help them to grasp the truth, and give them courage to act for the good of the nation. *Hear our prayer.*

For the elders among us like Simeon and Anna, that we may appreciate the gift that they are and be blessed by their wisdom and faith. *Hear our prayer.*

For those recovering from natural disasters, those who live daily with hunger, homelessness, fear and confusion, and those commended to our prayers..... that the light of God's love will bring them hope and comfort. *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have died, remembering especially, that they may dwell in the courts of the Lord forever. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

In the communion of blessed Mary, the God-bearer, Simeon, Anna, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant Gracious and Loving One, hear our prayers and kindle your light in the temple of our hearts that we may grow and become strong in your Spirit, so that at the last we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*