

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – EPIPHANY 4A

Intercessor As those who delight to boast in the Lord, let us pray for the needs of all God's people on earth, saying: *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that our call to serve may be blessed and strengthened by the riches of God's grace. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we who gather to hear the Lord's teaching may lead a blameless life, do what is right, and speak the truth with our hearts and lives. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For ourselves, called by our Baptism to share the message of the cross with those who do not know Christ, that we may be faithful messengers of God's love. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For an end to the scourge of gun violence and the grace and wisdom to work ceaselessly to heal wounded hearts, stop the guns, and seek peaceful ways to resolve differences, do justice and walk humbly with our God. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all world leaders, that they may work to free all those who live in fear of poverty, war, and oppression. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For the hungry and the homeless, and all those for whom we ought to pray, remembering especially that God's love will strengthen, heal and sustain them. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all those who have died, remembering especially that they may dwell forever in the tabernacle of God's love. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

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

Celebrant God of all goodness, hear our prayers and nourish us with the bread of heaven, that strengthened for service we may show forth your glory to all the world in the name of Jesus Christ the Savior. **Amen.**