

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - PENTECOST 16 (PROPER 21-C)

*Intercessor* Let us offer our prayers to God who is our refuge and our stronghold, saying, *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may be a sign of God's love for and presence with the whole human family. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may be rich in faith, love, and good works, and go into the world with courage to make a difference in the lives of others. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For a closing of the chasm between rich and poor in our cities, nation, and the world, that we may use our time, talent, and treasure to develop new opportunities to serve the hungry and needy. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all those who have left their homelands in search of safety and a better life, that they may find welcome and a place to live in freedom, dignity, and peace. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For those threatened by storms, fires and floods, and for all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially....., that God will give them the gift of new life and hope. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially ....., that they may be escorted by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Francis of Assisi, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

*Celebrant* God of Moses and the prophets, hear the prayers we offer this day and entrust us with your riches from above, that we may hold them in faith and use them in serving our neighbors. Glory to you for ever and ever. ***Amen.***