

Prayers of the People – Lent 2C

Intercessor In this holy fast of Lent, let us offer prayers to God who cares for us as a hen gathers her brood, saying: *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop and Audrey, bishop of Central Pennsylvania, that with all the descendants of Abraham and Sarah, we may stand firm in the Lord. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For this Parish Family, that in this Lenten time we may find new zeal for living according to the example of Jesus. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For all who work for peace, that hearts may be turned from war and violence to work for the protection of human life, justice and freedom. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the people of Ukraine, that God will bring an end to the violence, protect the innocent from harm, open channels for food and medicine, and strengthen the peace negotiations. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For all who are on a journey in this Lenten season, that they may know God's presence each step along the way and be continually guided by God's light and truth. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the hungry and the homeless, those in doubt and distress, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially..... that God's healing and comforting love may be made known to them. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For those who have died, remembering especially....., that they may find their citizenship in heaven. *Hear us, O Holy One.*

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of our ancestors, who sent your Son to die for our sins. Receive the prayers we offer this day, renew the covenant you promised to your people, and prepare us to take up our citizenship in the heavenly Jerusalem, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*