

Prayers of the People - Pentecost 19 (Proper 21-B)

Gathered in the Spirit of God, let us pray for all the needs of the world, saying: *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect and Kevin our bishop, that we may respond to the gift of the Spirit by serving others with compassion and walking in the ways of truth. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For this Parish Family that we may each use our unique gifts and opportunities to share God's love through words and deeds of healing, hospitality and welcome. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For peace in all places of war and conflict, and for those who work tirelessly to bring about reconciliation and peaceful solutions, that their efforts may bring lasting changes to the world. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For refugees and immigrants, that God will guide them to people and places who will honor them and help them to find freedom, dignity and peace. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For a greater recognition of the harm being done to the earth, that world leaders and each of us may take meaningful steps to curtail the environmental damage of the planet and work to protect the poor and vulnerable from its effects. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all those in desperate need, the little ones, the weak and the vulnerable, and for those in need of our prayers, remembering especially, that they may know the comfort of God's saving help. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especiallythat as they have served Christ in others, so they may come to the reward of life with Christ forever. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Michael & All Angels 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 healing and salvation, hear the prayers we offer this day, and send us your Spirit, that we may know your love, grow in faith, and serve your creation in grateful humility, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*