

Prayers of the People - Pentecost 16 (Proper 18-B)

Let us pray for all God's children everywhere, especially for the powerless and voiceless, and for all those in need of God's love and compassion, saying: *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect and Kevin our bishop, that all our words and deeds may mirror God's own love for the least and the lost. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that all who come among us may find welcome and healing. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For a spirit of listening, that God will free us from the noise that blocks our ability to hear the Word, prepare our hearts to receive that word, and help us to put God's vision for tomorrow into practice today. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For a greater recognition of our call to be stewards of God's creation, that we may honor the world God has commended to our care, and work to provide wise use of its resources. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For those across the world who live in places of danger, distress and fear, that God will strengthen them, keep them safe, and raise them up in hope. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For all students, teachers and parents as they struggle to achieve a balance between the need to teach and learn and the concern for health and safety of all, that together they may discover their gifts and grow in wisdom and truth. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the blind, the deaf, the lame, and the speechless, for all the sick and suffering, and especially those commended to our prayers that they may know the healing power of God. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, that they may inherit the kingdom promised to those who love God. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

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

Celebrant God of mercy and enduring love, hear our prayers, open our ears to hear

your word, and release our tongues to sing your praise, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*