

Prayers of the People - Pentecost 23 (Proper 25-B)

Intercessor Let us cry out to God through our great high priest, Jesus the Son of David, saying: *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect and Kevin our bishop, that we may experience Christ's call and move from darkness into greater light in our lives. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For this Parish Family, that we who have received mercy and healing from Jesus, may lovingly extend the same to others. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For all who are searching for God, that their eyes and hearts may be opened to the many signs of God's love for them. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For this nation as we approach election day, that we may listen less to harsh rhetoric and more to God's call to walk in the Way of Love. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For greater respect for God's work of creation, that we may always be mindful that all the earth is God's gift to us and that we are responsible for its care. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For all who are blinded by fear and prejudice, for those who sit on the side while life passes by, and those in need of our prayers, remembering especially.....that they may come to Jesus and be healed. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

For those who have died.....that they may rejoice with songs of joy in God's eternal presence. *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Simon & Jude the Apostles, 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 compassion, hear the prayers we offer this day and restore our vision that we may see and embrace the faith that makes us well, and follow Christ on the way that leads to eternal life, who with you and the Holy Spirit are One God, living and true. **Amen.**