

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost
(Proper 28 A)

Intercessor As we wait for the Master's return and do the work given us to do, let us pray on behalf of all the human family, saying: *Hear us, O Holy One.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may trust God's faithfulness and love as we live life each day. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For this parish family, that God will inspire us with new visions of how to use our gifts and meet the greatest needs of the world around us in the service of God and our neighbors. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

That peace, reconciliation, justice, and hope may come to be the only way forward in the Holy Land. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For those who live and work in places of danger, those recovering from natural disasters, and for victims of violence, that they may be strong in the face of adversity and keep safe in the refuge of God's hands. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For those in our nation who are deeply divided one from another, that they may see each other as God's beloved children regardless of different opinions or experiences, and that God will enable their hearts to listen deeply and speak honestly with love and compassion. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For all those without family or friends, for the homeless and unemployed, and also for those who are ill, remembering (pause.....), that God will bring light and strength to their spirits. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

For all the departed, remembering especially, that having rejoiced in God's gifts in this life, they may enter into the joy of the Master. ***Hear us, O Holy One.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer 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 abundance, hear our prayers and grant that the gifts you have graciously bestowed on us may be used to your glory, so that being faithful to your purpose we may become sharers in your heavenly kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. ***Amen.***