

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - PENTECOST 9 (PROPER 14-C)

Let us offer our prayers to God who has been pleased to give us the kingdom, saying:
Holy One, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that God will renew and deepen our faith so that we may walk with God each step of our life's journey. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we who have been given many gifts may be found faithful and bearing much fruit. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the Bishops of the Anglican Communion as they return to their dioceses throughout the world, that fed and empowered by the Spirit they may bear witness to the Risen Christ who calls us to be people of reconciliation and love. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For those who suffer from the power of nature, especially those whose lives are affected by heat, drought, fire and floods. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For a better stewardship of the earth and its resources, that we may recognize the need to safeguard the integrity of God's creation. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For all who are traveling, for those whose faith is tested, and for those in need of our prayers, remembering especially....., that God will sustain and strengthen them. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For all the departed, remembering especially, that they may rejoice to see all they believe in and hoped for. *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

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 Abraham, whose people are like the stars in the heavens, empower our faith and hear our prayers, that we may live in the blessed expectation of your promises and be alert for you when you come to us at an unexpected hour, through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN.