Prayers of the People

Lent 4, 19 March 2023

The response to “Lord, hear us” - is **“Lord, graciously hear us”**

**We remember the Church and her life:**

For Christian leaders: For Archbishop +Justin, Presiding Bishop +Michael, and +Nicholas, our Bishop;

For Pope +Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch +Bartholomew, and other Christian world leaders.

**Lord hear us: Lord graciously hear us.**

**We pray for the world and its needs:**

Guide the leaders of the nations. Strengthen in them a commitment to work for peace with justice:

For President of the United States, along with the leaders of democratic and free nations; we ask you to soften the hearts of tyrants and autocrats everywhere.

For those responsible for the good governance of this nation - the members of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and state legislatures. Lord, let your abiding integrity be their template, and your wisdom their guide.

For a peoples engaged in the struggle for democracy, under the rule of law; For the Palestinian people suffering under occupation and an increasing threat of annexation; for the people of Ukraine in their brave fight against the forces of empire; for the defense of Israeli civil society; for resistance to military dictatorship in Myanmar Burma; for the people of Nicaragua, Georgia, & Turkey.

For communities devastated by earthquake in Turkey and Syria; by drought, famine, and war in the Horn of Africa; by storms and floods in Mozambique and California; by fires in New South Wales; rising sea levels around the world; and blighted by industrial pollution, especially in East Palestine, Ohio.

For refugees in this hard season of winter, especially those on our southern border as well as the thousands of refugees crossing the English Channel.

For the Earth, our island home; for international cooperation in order to curb harmful emissions and to build greater climate resilience.

**Lord, hear us: Lord, graciously hear us.**

**We pray for our community:**

For those celebrating birthdays in the coming week; Deb DiPetrillo, Peter Dennehy, Betsy Freeman, John Lawlor, Jennifer Potter, John Marion, and Anne Wood.

We remember those who have asked for our solidarity in prayer, especially Gail, Kurt, Katie, Johnnes, Stewart, and Elke,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, together with others we name [pause.] We pray for those who are isolated and alone.

We remember those who have recently died, especially [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] those we name [pause]. We remember all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Strengthened by the prayer of Mary, the Godbearer, and Martin, our Patron - In this coming week we commemorate: St. Joseph; Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop and Martyr, 1556; Oscar Romero, Archbishop and Martyr, together with the Martyrs of El Salvador, 1980; The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to Mary as God Bearer.