

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

Gracious God, we bless you and praise your holy presence in our lives. We offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world saying

Most holy God.

All May your wisdom guide our lives.

For the elder members of this diocese and for all elders throughout the world, that they may live in dignity and hope, continue to serve you in wisdom and compassion, and bless us with their ministries.

Most holy God.

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For the leaders and people of all nations that those in authority would strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being.

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For all who suffer poverty, illness, injustice, oppression, the devastation of natural disasters, and for those whose needs are known to you alone that you would comfort and heal them in their distress. May they be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care.

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For all who are homebound, for those who live in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and retirement communities, and for their caregivers and families that they may rest in the knowledge of your constant presence.

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For all who are transitioning from careers and the various disciplines of day to day work that they may rejoice in the gift of leisure and new paths of service in your name. Help them grow ever closer to you and to all whom they love.

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For all who are dying and all who have died, that they may dwell with you and with all your saints in that place where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. For all who mourn that casting all their cares on you, they may know the compassion of your love.

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CONCLUDING COLLECT

Bishop

Loving God, we thank you for the great gift of days and the wisdom of elders in our midst. May we rejoice in the knowledge and love of you for all our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Amen.