

Prayer List for Sunday, February 21, 2021

Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength for:

Barbara & Frank, Bill D., Bob M. Bob C., Bob N., Bonnie H., Deb, Desmond, Eileen & Kirstin, Grace, James, Joanne, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Sandy, Elizabeth, Sr. Joy, Nancy, Shannon, Jeff, Charles, Kristin, Rosemary, Helen, Bob S., Bonnie S., Millie, Janine, Murray, Mother Diane, Michael, Kathy and the Neuls and DeBlasio family

We pray for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19.

We pray for all those who are worried about their loved ones and friends who suffer and are hospitalized, and those who are in grief following the death of their loved ones from this disease. We pray for those who still do not understand the seriousness of this disease.

We pray for all living in congregate settings: nursing homes, assisted living and other senior facilities, group homes, prisons, and jails, and in all places where people must live closely together. We pray for our children as they go to school, for their teachers, administrators, and their parents who struggle to know the right thing to do.

We pray for all those in the field of medicine: doctors, nurses, nurses' aides, respiratory therapists, and all who work in hospitals and group settings including building engineers and building custodians. We pray for those in medical research, for those working to administer the vaccine, and for all those working in public health, especially Nancy and our local Suffolk County Dept. of Health. And we pray for all who work in public safety, all emergency personnel and first responders.

We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and with the homeless ministry, especially for those volunteers who give of their energy and passion to Nourish Babylon.

We give thanks for all who continue to work behind the scenes to keep our church running over these many months we have not been able to gather in the building.

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays: Andrea Santangelo

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating their wedding anniversary:

Let us pray for those who have died:

The over 488,000 who have died of Covid-19 in our country.

And we pray for all who have died as a result of racial violence, especially those whose names we have been saying these past months, and those whose names we are just now learning. We pray for their family members and friends who mourn and we pray for a time when all will truly be treated equally in our nation.

We pray for our country and the new administration, praying for a peaceful transition, that the will of the people as expressed through their votes will be fulfilled.

For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *BCP p 815*

In Times of Conflict

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *BCP p 824*

For Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen. *BCP p 815*

Prayer for our Nation

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We pray that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion the multitudes brought here out of many lands and tongues into one united people. Grant the spirit of wisdom to those entrusted with the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, may our trust in you not fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *BCP p 820*