

Prayers of the People
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Year B
February 5, 2012

Jesus went through Galilee preaching and healing and showing compassion to those in need. God still comes to us today, especially for those for whom we pray, therefore let us offer our prayers to God saying : Lord, hear our prayer.

Creator of all, look with favor upon the peoples of the world. In your mercy, give to all people the necessities of a dignified life. For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Ruler of creation, instill wisdom and understanding among the leaders of nations. Guide them into ways of justice and peace. For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of the church, gather us all into one holy communion. Give us the courage to look to you alone as the source of our unity. For this, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Great Physician, bring healing to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We pray for all that we know who are suffering, for those on our Parish Prayer List, and for those who are known only to you. Inspire us to care for them well and with compassion. For this let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of justice and mercy, be with all members of the Armed Forces, here, deployed overseas, on the seas, in the seas, and in the skies, and remembering especially those in harm's way, George Datile, Christopher Brown, Jonathan Wendt, Jedidiah Crews, Joshua Tyler Farmer, and Virginia Hudgins. Protect and defend them day-by-day, strengthen them in their trials, and comfort them in the night. For this let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of the living Christ, fill us with expectation and eager longing for the coming of that day when no one will suffer, but when all will be gathered together in heavenly joy and eternal prosperity. Accept all who have died before us, all your saints, into your Kingdom. For this let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant concludes with a proper collect.