

Prayers of the People examples
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Early Season After Pentecost:
Prayers of the People
Proper 14 – 12 August 2018

*Deacon or Presider: *For all the hungry and thirsty of the world, let us pray to the Lord whose angel gave bread to Elijah.

*Intercessor: *In confidence we pray to the Creator, through the Redeemer, in the Sustainer, saying: Blessed Trinity, One God; how exalted is your Name in all the world.

You have called your Church to live in peace and promised to be with us to the end of the age: Like Mary of Magdala and Stephen, let our witness be bold; like Philip, let our encounters be transformative, baptizing disciples in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed Trinity, One God;

how exalted is your Name in all the world.

In a world suffering from poverty, war, famine, and despair, keep us mindful that you have called us to be a blessing to the people. You exalt the merciful, the just, and those who strive for peace. We lift up in prayer and encourage those who work for peace and justice, especially in Central America.

Blessed Trinity, One God;

how exalted is your Name in all the world.

We lament that our beloved nation finds itself beset with division, distrust, and discord. We yearn for wisdom, discernment, and humility in our nation's leaders. We ask you to plant in their hearts a sense of justice and equity so they may be led to wise decisions for the welfare of our nation and the world. We ask that our leaders make it a priority to find a humane and just immigration policy that respects dignity and safeguards children.

Blessed Trinity, One God;

how exalted is your Name in all the world.

We pray for boldness as we go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. May our actions reflect the love and grace you have shown us. May we be freed from judgment and condemnation and full of compassion and love. May we reach out with hospitality to immigrants and refugees from other nations who are striving to make a better life in a new land. Blessed Trinity, One God;

how exalted is your Name in all the world.

Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. From our prayer list, we lift up in prayer Kristi, Susy, Bruce, Kodiella, Dedi, and those who are separated from their families.

We also lift up those who have died.

Remembering the lives of Florence Nightingale, Jeremy Taylor, Jonathan Myrick Daniels, William Porcher DuBose, and all those who have gone before us, let us offer ourselves to one another and to the living God through Christ. *Amen*.

Presider: Father in heaven, giver of the bread of life, hear the prayers we offer this day for all those in danger and need and bring your beloved children to your eternal banquet; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen. *

Late Season after Pentecost

Prayers of the People

Proper 23B

14 October 2018

*Deacon or Presider: *Let us offer prayers to God who gathers the poor in the kingdom.

*Intercessor: *In You, O Lord, we live and move and have our being. Trusting in your goodness, we bring you our hopes, needs, and concerns.

We come together as the Body of Christ, the Church. Help us to live into your mission of love and reconciliation.

God of Love and Justice:

Hear the prayers of your people.

We live in a war beset by war, poverty, and indifference. Help make of us instruments of your peace, seeking to serve rather than to be served.

God of Love and Justice:

Hear the prayers of your people.

We find ourselves living in a nation divided. Help us to be beacons of truth and justice, mercy and compassion.

God of Love and Justice:

Hear the prayers of your people.

We see in our community homelessness, isolation, and despair. Help us to

join with our neighbors in building a better way for all.

God of Love and Justice:

Hear the prayers of your people.

Among us are those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. From our prayer list, we ask you to make your presence known to Jeff, Catherine, Kristi, Susy, Bruce, and those who have suffered sexual assault and those who love them.

We also pray for those who have died and ask for comfort for those who mourn, remembering today

Honoring the lives of Vida Dutton Scudder, Philip the Deacon and Evangelist, Samuel Isaac Joseph Scherechewsky, Teresa of Avila, Ignatius of Antioch, and all those who have gone before us, let us offer ourselves to one another and to the living God through Christ. *Amen*.

Presider: God whose Word is living and active, hear the prayers we offer this day and help all peoples in their weakness to approach the throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen. *

The second set is deliberately less wordy. The tone for each template differs. This helps to emphasize the difference in seasons.