

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE February 11 & 12, 2012

Epiphany 6

Having heard the cleansing, restoring word of God, let us offer our prayers for the world, the church, and ourselves saying, hear our prayer.

O Jesus Christ, who looked with pity on the leprous man and reached out and touched him and made him whole, bring your great healing to the great hurt of our world: for your peace where there is war, or the threat of war, or the steady preparation for it; for relief for victims of political folly and of natural disaster; for comfort for all who cry for help, quite sure that no help is at hand; and for all those who stand ready to be part of your answer to these petitions. We pray especially for our President Barack and our Governor Andrew. We pray for those who guard the peace, especially for Daniel, Kevin, Kathy, Eric, Travis, Matt M., Ken, Matt S., Jason, Luke, Adam, Sandy, Adam, Jeffrey, Tom, and Gary;

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you for all those who have been isolated by illness, or old age, or by an uncaring society, for those who are shunned and pushed to the edge of the community, and for those who are institutionalized, that you grant them your nearness.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray also for all who see the abandoned and for all who remember the forgotten, for strength and perseverance for those who serve, for all in any need and for the wisdom for us all to create a society more heedful of all its members; especially...

Will, Jennifer, Andrew, Bill & Jean, Maria, Janet, Zach, Helen S., Esther & Robert, Dorene, Terry, Judy, Joan, Elizabeth, Brendan, Kristina, Robin, Marie, Hannah, Lisa, Rene, Mike & Ruth, Samantha, Phyllis, Tom, Kate, Dorothy, Kathy, Mary Grace, Kristin, Annie, Jim, Bill, Jack, Edna, Hank, Tom, Josephine, Anne, Ruthann, Jim, Marion, Angelo & Lucy, Sara, Margaret, William, Frank, Florian, Jeanne, Rudy, Ron, Kathi, Art, Cindy & Claudia, Helen F., Kathleen, Fred, Thad, Chuck, and Diek;

And those we name at this time:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you for all Christian people, for deliverance from the willfulness that sets the terms of our own healing and stumbles at the simplicity of faith and for courage and steadfastness in the demands that the world places on faith and obedience. We pray for Katharine our Presiding Bishop, our Bishop Skip, and Tim our Priest. *In our parishes*, we pray for St. Mark's Church, Clark Mills - The Rev. Terry Sheldon, Rector and Christ Church, Clayton. *In our diocese*, we pray for the clergy and people of the Binghamton and Chemung Districts. *In our companion diocese*, we pray for San Mateo, Lourdes, The Rev. Irma Alvarado. *In the Anglican Communion*, we pray for the people of Zambia and Most Rev. Albert Chama (Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia).

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Dear God, we ask, scarcely knowing what and how to ask. You know the needs we know and the deeper needs we hardly guess. Grant us what is required for the life to which you call us, not because we ask wisely or well, but because of the boundless compassion you have made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.