

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Deacon or other Leader:* Called by the risen Christ to love and follow the Lord, let us pray to God for the needs of all believers and of all peoples everywhere.

*Leader:* For the holy churches of God in every place, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Carlye our Bishop, for all lay leaders and clergy, and for the unity of all.

*People:* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*Leader:* In this season of new life, we pray for new ways to connect to one another and to you, our source of life and joy, O God; for this holy gathering, even while separated and for all who know one another in Christ.

*People:* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*Leader:* For all those who await being baptized, that we may soon gather again to celebrate their entry into the life of Christ.

*People:* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*Leader:* For the world and its leaders, for Donald, our President, Phil our Governor, [\_\_\_\_\_ our Mayor]; for our nation and its people.

*People:* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*Leader:* For all those who are suffering during this pandemic, for all victims of COVID-19, including those we name now . . . , for all who are sick and for those who are dying.

*People:* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*Leader:* For all victims of violence, for those in danger and need, for the oppressed; for all those who face these concerns, now magnified; for those who suffer for any reason, for all other illnesses, for all those we name now . . . , we pray.

*People:* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*Leader:* For all those providing care at this time, for doctors, nurses, staff, technician, for social workers, counselors, therapists, for all first responders and for all essential workers, that you may safeguard them as they work on our behalf.

*People:* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*Leader:* For research scientists and lab technicians; for all those seeking a vaccine for this virus and those seeking enhanced treatments for this illness; for healing and restoration.

*People:* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*Leader:* For all the blessings of this life, for those you would name here . . . , and for all those we love.

*People:* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*Leader:* For all those who mourn, for those who grieve, separated at the last hour from their loved one; for those who face death without the consolation of family at their side; for all those who have died, including those we name now . . . , we pray.

*People:* **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

*Leader:* Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary and [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*People:* **To you, O gracious God.**

*Priest or other Leader:* Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**