

Prayers of the People

for the Prayer Leader's consideration

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Prayer Leader: We pray for the earth and for all people:

(Silence)

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for all people and especially those in any kind of need. Make your ways known upon earth, O God, your saving power among all peoples. Help us to lighten their burden and to seek justice and peace for all, wherever we find people in need, whether in the cities, suburbs, or rural areas of our Diocese, or around the world.

Gracious God,

All: **Hear our Prayer.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for the Church throughout the world:

(Silence)

Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that all who call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in holiness of life. Strengthen Eugene and Joe, our bishops, our clergy and laity, and all your church that we may be witnesses to your compassion.

Gracious God,

All: **Hear our Prayer.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for those who are suffering:

(Silence)

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bless those who care for them. We remember those who have died in Christ, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Gracious God,

All: **Hear our Prayer.**

Prayer Leader: We pray for the diocese of Maryland and our shared ministries:

(Silence)

Give grace to us that we may serve Christ in one another as we seek to bring your reconciling love into the world through the many ministries of the diocese, including the camps and retreats of the Bishop Claggett Center, the ministries of diocesan schools, hospitals, and retirement communities; the Seafarer's Ministry, and the Episcopal Service Corps; and the ministries throughout the diocese that endeavor to feed, clothe, shelter and and love our neighbors as God loves us.

Gracious God,

All: **Hear our Prayer.**

Celebrant: Rejoicing in the fellowship of (N and of) all your saints, we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love. Accept these prayers we pray in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.