

# Prayers of the People - Sunday November 13

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **Bidding:**

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Almighty and eternal God

As you shaped the rough, ready and impulsive Peter into the rock upon which you built your Church; so too, transform us here at St Peter's', a disparate collection of individuals, into a spiritual house of living stones, under its capstone Jesus Christ, a temple which will not crumble over time, but endure in the mirror of eternity.

Shake us out of our comfortable complacency and kindle your fire within us; so that we may be moved to serve you by reflecting your love to all by word and action, and by giving you all we have and are, without counting the cost. Through your Holy Spirit, grant us the strength to stand firm when subjected to ridicule, trial, and persecution in your name.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

In these times of turbulence, accelerating change and constant uncertainty, where nations have indeed risen against nations, and "fearful events" such as earthquakes, extreme weather events, wild-fires, famines, and pestilences being frequent occurrences, let us pray for all people:

- caught up in war, violence, and civil unrest,
- who have been affected by flooding, fires and earthquakes,
- who face food insecurity and fuel poverty,
- and those who are displaced or homeless.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

In this age where information has never been so abundantly and instantly available, help us to discern that which is true and lifegiving, from the exaggerated, often false, and unsettling narratives which are increasingly prevalent in all media causing fear, anxiety, and division among many.

We pray for your healing on those

- who have lost hope
- who are isolated and lonely
- who are persecuted and discriminated against because of their faith, race, colour or who they love
- who have been cancelled because of their opinions
- and all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have suffered persecution, imprisoned, and martyred for proclaiming their faith in Jesus Christ; those who have died in your peace and others whose faith may have been known to you alone.

Give rest, O Christ with your saints, to all the departed.

+May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Let us cast aside the earthly and temporal things of this world  
which ensnare us,  
and instead place our minds before the mirror of eternity;  
our souls in the brilliance of glory!  
ours hearts in the figure of the divine substance!  
and transform our whole beings into your image through contemplation!  
So that we too may feel what Your friends feel  
as they taste the hidden sweetness  
which You Yourself have reserved  
from the beginning for those who love you,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.

*St Clare of Assisi*

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*Adapted*