

Prayers of the People – 27 October 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bidding: Lord, hear our prayer, and open our eyes
So we may truly see.

Most High and Glorious God.

Whose Son Jesus Christ gave sight to the blind:

Enlighten the darkness of our own hearts,

And give us true faith, a certain hope, and a perfect love.

Give us a sense of the Divine and a knowledge of yourself,

So that we may do everything in fulfilment of your holy will.

St Francis of Assisi, adapted

Open the eyes of the leaders of the world to

- its current state of ongoing war and civil unrest,
- the rapidly accelerating cultural, environmental and societal change, and
- the vast wealth inequality throughout.

By your Spirit empower them to effect positive change and grant them the courage:

- to speak out against injustice
- to reconcile warring factions and nations, and to
- act against all blinded by their own greed, to ensure fair sharing of the resources of the world.

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Open the eyes of your Church, to find and overcome any practices which may hinder its mission.

Open the eyes and hearts of our parish of St Peter so we may see all people, both within and outside our red doors, as belonging to you, so we may be a place of light, hospitality and hope for all needing and wishing to know you; yet, help us to close our eyes to any matters which could lead to petty politics, gossip or exclusiveness.

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As you did for Bartimaeus, draw into your light all:

- who, are suffering in body, mind or spirit,
- who are poor, without a home or even a bed,
- who are without jobs; or who work but are unable to cover their basic living costs.
- whose lives are darkened by of grief
- who are imprisoned by isolation and loneliness, and
- all who have been blinded by their own prejudice, grudges and unforgiveness.

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We thank you for your saints in every age,
those serving you in the present, and those rejoicing with you now;
all of whom will be celebrated over the next week.

We pray for the souls of the departed who will also be commemorated over the next week.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let your perpetual light shine upon them.
+May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Open our own eyes so we may clearly see
what we may need to change in ourselves,
what planks may be covering our own eyes, and,
What we need to close our eyes to.

Brief pause

Grant us, O Lord, the lamp of love which never grows dim,
that it may shine in us,
warm our hearts and give light to others.
through our love for them;
and by its brightness we may have a vision of the Holy City
where the true and inextinguishable light shines,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

St Columbanus

Amen.