

Prayers of the People – 2 March 2025

Bidding: In your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for your world:

for all its people, and for the creatures with whom we share this fragile planet;

for those whose harvest has failed, those who don't have enough;

for victims of natural disaster, brutality, greed or neglect;

for all who exercise authority and bear responsibility for the well-being of nations.

We especially pray for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, and central Africa.

Give to us all hearts that burn with your passion for peace and justice.

In you, O God, is all wisdom and truth:

in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for your church:

for all who bear the name of Christ, whose fellowship of love we share;

for all missionaries, evangelists, and youth workers;

for all who minister in this place, all who witness to your good news.

Give to us all hearts filled with the treasure of your presence.

In you, O God, is all redemption and grace:

in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for the communities in which we live:

for the homeless and hungry, the unemployed and all who face the loss of jobs;

for those estranged from families and all who have no one to care for them;

for our families and friends, for our neighbours, and for ourselves.

Give to us all hearts that reach out with your reconciling love.

In you, O God, is all tenderness and forgiveness:

in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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Loving God, we pray for all people in need of your comfort:
for the lonely and the unloved and those who mourn the loss of loved ones;
for those who are troubled, despairing, confused or sad;
for the sick and the dying and for all who care for them.
Give to us all hearts that weep with your children in pain.
In you, O God, is all consolation and hope:
in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we remember your faithful people of every age:
those who have worshipped before us in this place;
those whose yearly memorial occurs at this time.
We give you thanks for all your saints whose hearts have been set on fire with
love for you. Help us to join them in following in Christ's footsteps, and bring
us with them to the joy of your eternal presence.
In you, O God, is everlasting life and love:
in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Amen.

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Janet Nelson, *Let Us Pray: Intercessions following the Revised Common Lectionary*,
Sydney: HarperCollins, 1999, pp.84-85