

## Prayers of the People – 9 March 2025

Bidding: God in whom we trust and hope,

**Response: save us when we call on you.**

Faithful God, fully deserving of all trust and hope, hear our prayers for the world and for the church; hear us and answer us, we pray.

Long ago you brought your people out of slavery to freedom: hear the cries of your people today who are held in the bondage of oppression, persecution or war.

*Silence*

God in whom we trust and hope,

**save us when we call on you.**

You led your people through a desert to a land flowing with milk and honey: hear the cries of your people today who are hungry and homeless, all for whom daily life is a struggle for survival.

*Silence*

God in whom we trust and hope,

**save us when we call on you.**

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm you led your people out of Egypt: hear the cries of those today who have lost their way, all who wander without direction, purpose or hope in their lives.

*Silence*

God in whom we trust and hope,

**save us when we call on you.**

With arms outstretched upon on a cross you brought redemption to your people: hear the cries of those today who long to hear your message of forgiveness, reconciliation and love.

*Silence*

God in whom we trust and hope,

**save us when we call on you.**

You led your Son out into a desert to prepare for his earthly ministry: hear our prayers for all who seek, this Lent, to understand the meaning of their baptism, and equip them to carry your gospel to our broken world.

*Silence*

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**save us when we call on you.**

You sent your angels to minister to your Son in the desert: hear the cries of those today who experience pain, loneliness, despair or grief, all who are in need of your tenderness and care.

*Silence*

God in whom we trust and hope,  
**save us when we call on you.**

You led your chosen people from a place of slavery into the land of their inheritance: we remember those who have died in the faith, as we, with them, await the inheritance you promise to all who love you.

Strengthen us to turn away from evil and guide us safely through the wilderness of sin and death, that, with your pilgrim people of every age, we may enter the Promised Land of your eternal presence.

*Silence*

God in whom we trust and hope,  
**save us when we call on you.**

Amen.

Adapted from:

Janet Nelson, *Let Us Pray: Intercessions following the Revised Common Lectionary*,  
Sydney: HarperCollins, 1999, pp.92-93