

Lent 2016

Prayers of the People: Offered by PWRDF New Westminster Diocesan Unit

Leader: (says to the congregation) -Please prepare yourself for prayer

Leader: At the end of each prayer, I will say... (Loving God, you bind your people together)

And your response will be ... Teach us Your way). **Repeat is so people remember.**

Leader: At the conclusion of each prayer, I will invite your prayers either aloud or in silence

1. We pray for the Church

We pray for the church around the world...

We pray in our diocese for...

We pray for our parish priest and all in leadership... guide them in their ministries as they seek to faithfully live the gospel.

This would be the time to pray the parish prayer if you have one (invite people to turn to the bulletin and give them the page number).

After we say the parish prayer together....

Short silence

Leader: Loving God, you bind your people together

People: Teach us Your way.

2. We pray for our world

We remember before You all those places on the earth where there is struggle, war, hunger, need for clean water... (Invite prayers for our world). Especially today we pray for the our Anglican development and relief agency, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, and today particularly for our partners who are bringing communities clean water in Tanzania and growing fresh food in Cuba and their initiative with establishing a green house. We thank you for the privilege of participating with sisters and brothers around the world in support of the PWRDF. (short silence)

We pray that we would care for this beautiful world that You have given us. Give us all and those in areas of responsibility the will and wisdom to be good stewards of all the gifts of our planet. (silence)

We pray for our own country of Canada and our Province and city.

silence

Leader: Loving God, you bind your people together.

People: Teach us your way.

3 We pray for ourselves and those whom we have named. Especially today we pray for (the list of those whom others have named on the prayer list.

Short silence

Leader: Loving God, you bind your people together

People: Teach us your way

4. We pray for those who have died. (for any whom anyone would name). We remember all those who have died in civil war and in situations of struggle and poverty. May they rest in Your peace eternally. May their lives remind us of the gift of all your children and how precious life is.

Leader: Loving God, you bind your people together

People: Teach us your way.

5. This day, we bring before you in thanksgiving the blessings of our lives (for our church, for one another, for the freedom to worship, for clean water and good meals, for those who guide us, for friends... (invite areas of gratitude)

Silence

Leader: We offer these our prayers through Jesus, the Christ. Amen