

Prayers of the People, October 12, 2025

Leader:

On the road to Jerusalem, ten cried out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us,” and one returned to give thanks. Let us pray to the God who hears our cries and receives our gratitude.

People:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader:

For your Church, that we would live a *thankful* life, not just thankful moments— bearing witness that healing comes from Jesus and that gratitude leads to deeper wholeness. Make us a community where outsiders are welcomed, and praise is our native language.

People:

Gracious God, make us thankful and whole.

Leader:

For all who cry, “Have mercy”—for those isolated by illness, stigma, addiction, or shame; for any who wait for a diagnosis or are weary from long treatments; for caregivers, nurses, physicians, chaplains, and public-health workers. As they go on their way, let them find strength, healing, and companions for the journey.

People:

Christ our Healer, make us whole.

Leader:

For communities divided by boundaries of race, religion, class, or citizenship— since the grateful one was a Samaritan, teach us to see Your image across every border. Lead leaders and neighbors to policies and practices that honor dignity and repair harm.

People:

God of mercy, widen our welcome.

Leader:

For those who obey without yet seeing the outcome—who take the next faithful step because You have spoken: “Go, show yourselves...” Bless their going with courage, their returning with praise, and their lives with peace.

People:

Faithful Lord, strengthen our steps.

Leader:

For this congregation— that our worship would turn us outward in service, our gratitude would ripen into generosity, and our testimonies would point to Jesus, the giver of every good gift.

People:

Holy Spirit, make us a people of thanksgiving.

Leader:

God who hears every voice, we offer our thanks and our petitions now. In addition to those spoken, we hold before You the prayers too deep for words.

(keep silence) Gather these prayers into Your mercy. As Jesus said to the grateful one, “Your faith has made you well,” make us whole in body, mind, and spirit, through Christ our Lord.

All:

Amen.