

October 19, 2025, Prayers of the People

Let us pray,

Leader:

Jesus told his disciples a parable so they “would always pray and not lose heart.”
Let us come before God—persistent in hope, confident in mercy, steadfast in faith.

People:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader:

For your Church, O God—keep us faithful in prayer and bold in love.
Teach us to cry out for justice not only with our lips but with our lives.
When answers are slow in coming, help us trust Your work, even in silence.

People:

Lord, give us faith that does not lose heart.

Leader:

For those who cry out for justice—
for the poor, the oppressed, the forgotten, and all treated unfairly.
Strengthen the widowed, shelter the orphaned, and rouse us to act with compassion.

People:

Lord, give us hearts that do not give up.

Leader:

For leaders in nations, communities, and the Church—
grant ears to hear the cries of the people and hearts to do what is right.
May they govern with humility and fairness.

People:

Lord, give us wisdom that seeks justice and peace.

Leader:

For the weary and the wounded—
for the sick, the lonely, the anxious, and the grieving.
We lift before You those who have asked for our prayers (names may be spoken aloud).
Be their refuge and strength; renew their faith and heal their wounds.

People:

Lord, give us hope that does not fade.

Leader:

For this congregation—
that we would pray without ceasing, serve without fear, and love without limit.
Fix our eyes on Christ, who will bring justice and mercy at His coming.

People:

Lord, make us steadfast in faith and joyful in prayer.

Leader:

God of mercy, You hear every cry—spoken and unspoken.
In a spirit of persistence like the widow, we bring You our own prayers now.
And we hold before You the prayers shared and those prayers too deep for words.
(*a moment of silence*)

Leader:

Gather all these prayers into Your heart, O God.
And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.