

God is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy, generous and forgiving to all who cry for grace. With confidence let us turn to our God in prayer saying: **Lord hear our prayer.**

For people throughout our world who are suffering at this very hour from natural disaster and famine, from economic distress and social disruption, from violence and war, remembering especially the people of the poorest nations of our world, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the church throughout the world, that we, together with Todd our bishop, Robert, Tany and Tianna our priests, Tom and Stephanie our deacons, and the whole Christian family, may be effective agents of social transformation and reliable messengers of hope, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our own country, that its wealth and power might become a force for peace, rather than conflict; a source of hope, rather than discontent; an agent of friendship, rather than enmity, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our own community, and especially those among us who are dispirited and broken hearted, who find no hope or meaning or purpose in life, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the members of our parish family in need especially, Rob, Andrea, Heather, Hadley, Nikki, Peter, Leontine, Paul, Norm, Cede-Anne, Dianne, Bellen, Joan, Jeff, Marjorie, Paul, Jean, Melissa, Karen, and all those others who are on our hearts that they may find strength in the knowledge of God's generous love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For ourselves that we may have the grace to rejoice with those who rejoice, to weep with those who weep, to grieve for others' losses rather than our own, to be quick to forgive and slow to take offense, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord God, in your presence none of us can boast, and all must ask for mercy; yet your Son has embraced us and called us to share in his labours for the salvation of every person. Grant us the grace to see what needs to be done and the wisdom and resources to do it, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**