

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Leader: Loving God, our Good, Kind King, we have offered you our praise and thanks for your compassionate grace and mercy. We ask that you help us to remember you in all our ways with thankfulness for your kindness and daily provision. Help us to love all those who intersect with our lives.

People: Help us to choose to serve rather than to be served and to patiently bear with the failings of others with the same patience and kindness you have given us through Jesus our Christ.

Strengthen us to love with faithfulness in serving and passion in our vocations as we delight in all you have created for our benefit and pleasure.

Leader: O merciful God, we lack the strength in passing your love on to others. We are weak and inconsistent. Our actions can be compromised by fear, pride and selfishness. So in our emptiness, we look to your grace and the empowering work of your Holy Spirit.

People: We open our hearts and minds to you this morning so that your love may abide in and through us. Open our hearts to the Risen Jesus our Lord so you may quicken us with a greater desire for your holy ways.

Leader: We bring to you those who are grieving...those who are disappointed...those who are suffering from disease or injury...those who wrestle with life-robbing habits and lingering resentments...those who remain trapped by regrets...may your healing love, liberating forgiveness, and sustaining Spirit restore peace and wholeness.

People: Strengthen our will and bodies for the demands of this day. Give us clarity of vision, creativity in planning, rest from our weariness, and discernment in our decisions. Help us take every circumstance as an opportunity to draw near to you and to profess the hope that lies within us, Jesus our Lord. We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...Our Father who art in Heaven....

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