

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ PENTECOST 17 (PROPER 20-B)

Intercessor Let us pray to God our helper, the source of all wisdom, mercy and peace, saying: *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, and Fr. Bill, our Rector, that we may imitate the example of Jesus, not seeking to be first but becoming servants of all. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that we may recognize our common humanity, and accompany one another along the journey of life. In this petition, we celebrate the Wedding Anniversary of Tom and Diane Lager, for in whose honor today's bulletins have been sponsored- ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who serve the children of our community in Christ's name, that they may teach us how to welcome Christ in simplicity of heart. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For healing among the daughters and sons of Abraham, that God will bring reconciliation and greater cooperation among the followers of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those affected by storms, floods, and fires, for refugees and those fleeing violence, that they may find safety, new communities of welcome, and the resources needed for life. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those commended to our prayers, remembering especially, Marvin & Marion Searfoss and Kenneth & Evelyn Downs, for in whose memory today's flowers grace God's altar- that they may find healing and strength in the Good News of the dying and rising of Jesus. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, Cheryl, Monica, Don, Donald Sr, Jim, Carol, Jake, Judith, Tyler, Shane, Danielle, Barry, Ken, Charlea, Bonnie, JoAnn, David, Jane, Nancy, Weldon, Anna, Martha and Vickie that they may be welcomed to share in the joy of God's presence forever. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Mary, the God-bearer, Matthew the Apostle, and Evangelist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another, to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant: God of mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day, strengthen us with your wisdom from above, and bring forth in our lives a harvest of humility, and peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***