

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - EPIPHANY 2-C

Intercessor Called by a new name in baptism and adorned by the Spirit with a variety of gifts, let us pray to God whose hand provides for the needs of all, saying, *Hear us, we pray.*

For the Church, remembering especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kevin, our bishop, and Bill, our Rector- that like Mary, we may become better disciples by doing all that God asks of us. *Hear us, we pray.*

For this Parish Family, that, in our journey of faith, we may use the gifts God has given us for the good of the Church, and bring forth an abundant harvest. *Hear us, we pray.*

For the unity of all those who call Jesus "Lord," that God will heal the wounds in the body of Christ, and help us to give common witness, through prayer and compassionate service, to the human family. *Hear us, we pray.*

In thanksgiving for the life and witness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that, following his example, we may continue to break down barriers, and resist oppression in the name of love. *Hear us, we pray.*

For our country, that God will move those in leadership positions to work together, to address the issues that confront so many, and help us to better listen to one another. *Hear us, we pray.*

For all who are suffering from storms and cold, for the poor and the homeless, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially Cheryl, Monica, Don, Donald Sr, Jim, Carol, Jake, Judith, Tyler, Danielle, Barry, Ken, Charlea, Bonnie, JoAnn, Jane, Nancy, Anna, Martha, Tom, Diane, Vickie, Cheryl, Gary, Debra and Brandon they may take refuge under the shadow of God's wings and find strength and light. *Hear us, we pray.*

For those who have died, remembering especially, Joann Davidson- who entered the gates of larger life this week passed- that they may share in the wedding feast of the eternal Jerusalem. *Hear us, we pray.*

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

Celebrant O God who sent Jesus among us, hear the prayers of your people, transform us with the power of your love, and make us into new wine for the glory of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*