

Prayers of the People

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Gracious and Loving God, Christ's peace penetrates our startled and terrified hearts: Open our minds to understand the scriptures and to know ourselves to be your beloved children, as we pray, saying: Know that God does wonders for the faithful; when we call, God will hear us.

You have called your Church to be witnesses of the resurrection and to proclaim in your name repentance and forgiveness of sins: Lift up your countenance upon us, O God, that we may see and touch the presence of the Risen One. Know that God does wonders for the faithful; ***when we call, God will hear us.***

We praise our Wounded healer, Christ, who suffered and rose from the dead on the third day, that your divine re-creative power may be at work throughout the world to confront injustice, disease, poverty, and sadness. Know that God does wonders for the faithful; ***when we call, God will hear us.***

Answer the people of this community, Almighty One, defender of our cause, and set us free when we are hard-pressed, that we may dwell in safety until the day we will see you as you are. Know that God does wonders for the faithful; ***when we call, God will hear us.***

Hear our prayers for all whom we intercede, *especially...*

We celebrate the goodness of your blessings among us, *especially for...*

We remember all who have died, that they may be revealed to be like you, O God, in the resurrection life of Christ, *especially...*

Know that God does wonders for the faithful; ***when we call, God will hear us.***

Additional prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings...

Closing Collect at the Prayers

O God of our ancestors, you have glorified your servant Jesus: Fill our wondering hearts with your joy and love, that we may live faithfully and be righteous as he is righteous, living in your life-giving Spirit, through Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***