

Prayers of the People (written by The Rev Lowell Grisham)

Gracious and loving God, your Son Jesus has laid down his life and called us his friends, and you have promised to give whatever we ask you in Christ's name: hear our prayers for the whole human family and for the world, as we say: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Your Church is the community of those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, and you have taught us that we have been born of God: help us to show our love for you, O God, by loving your children and thus fulfilling Christ's command to us. Sing to the Lord a new song, *for he has done marvelous things.*

You have shown your righteousness openly in the sight of the nations, O Mighty One, and with your right hand and your holy arm have won for yourself the victory: Extend your dominion over all the earth and imbue all in authority with your Spirit of love and compassion, that they may serve the world in peace and justice. Sing to the Lord a new song, *for he has done marvelous things.*

All creation witnesses to God's goodness; the sea and the lands, the rivers and hills ring out with joy before the Lord: Bless and protect this world and its fragile environment, and grant to all children their necessities for daily life and peaceful freedom from all that may threaten them. Sing to the Lord a new song, *for he has done marvelous things.*

You have taught us to keep your commandments by abiding in your love, O God: Bless this community gathered with such faithfulness that your joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete. Sing to the Lord a new song, *for he has done marvelous things.*

Hear our prayers for our friends and for all who suffer, *especially...*

Accept our grateful thanksgivings as we lift up our voice, rejoice, and sing, *especially for...*

We entrust to your never-failing victory those who have died, *especially...* Let our faith in you witness to the victory that conquers the world.

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Additional prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings...

Celebrant: Closing Collect at the Prayers

Blessed One, you have loved us, chosen us, and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last: Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may abide in your love and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**