

READERS: Please take a moment to position the microphone directly in front of your mouth, as this will enable the congregation to hear you clearly. Thank you!

*Prayers of the People-Form III: Saturday, November 4, 2023 5:00 PM*

**Leader:** The Prayers of the People are Form III and can be found on page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer.

**Leader:** We pray that we may be a vehicle for peace in the world, in our homes, and at St. Andrew's; Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People:** That we all may be one.

**Leader:** Father, help us serve you in our homes, in our workplaces, and in our daily interactions with others and at St. Andrews in the many large and small tasks that need to be done to keep our church moving forward. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People:** That your name may be glorified by all people.

**Leader:** We pray for all Wardens, Vestry, and Congregations, especially those who do not have permanent Clergy. Remembering especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Carlye, our Bishop; Father Aaron, Father Yohannan, Rev. Paula and Rev. Beverly, the Priests who have agreed to help us in our time of need for services and education; our Wardens, Amy and Christine, and our Vestry, to have continued strength and wisdom to uphold God's plans for us, and our parishioners who have given their assistance to help us in all we are trying to accomplish; We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**People:** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

**Leader:** Remembering especially President Biden; Vice-President Harris; Governor Murphy; and Mayor Hoelscher; we pray for all who govern and hold authority in our hometowns, the country and all the nations of the world;

**People:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

**Leader:** Protect and guide this parish, and the communities in which we live. Help us to heal as a family. Embrace us in your Spirit and love to help us work together on the future of our church. Remind us of the gifts of each person and show us how to use these gifts for your goodness.

We remember those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Dick Ferdinand, John Biskup, and Wynne Ferdinand Swan and those celebrating anniversaries.

We pray for the homeless and the hungry, that they may be relieved from distress and protected from harm. We pray for the ministries of Family Promise of Bergen County and for The Church of the Holy Communion food pantry. We pray for our Sunday School and for our Confirmation Class. In St. Andrews, The Church, and The World, give us the grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

**Leader:** We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers, especially those on our prayer list. Please take a moment to see those names in our bulletin. (Pause)

We remember the people of Ukraine and all those suffering from the ravages of war. We pray for all the victims of gun violence, their families, and communities.

We pray for all those who suffer from addiction and those in their lives who feel the effects; that they may find healing and hope in a community of love. We pray for all of us, of all ages, who are in a time of crisis in our mental, physical, and spiritual health. We pray that St. Andrews may come to a healing of differences from the recent tumultuous times we have undergone; and that we work together as one toward a new future that carries out God's plan.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People:** That they may be delivered from their distress.

**Leader:** We pray for all who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People:** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Leader:** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People:** May we also come to share in your Heavenly Kingdom.

**Leader:** Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

*Silence*

**Celebrant:**

The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect.