

## Prayers of the People - 3/15/2020

### *Intercessor*

Let with hope in God's promises, let us pray to the Lord:

We pray for the Body of Christ around the world, that we may be faithful witnesses to the love and mercy of God. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Daniel our bishop, and James our Rector.

O Lord, arise, help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

We pray for the parish of Holy Apostles, that we would be protected from harm, and given grace to be faithful in all things to our God, the creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all things.

O Lord, arise, help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

We pray for our friends and family members wherever they may be; especially for those in particular harm's way, that they may be uplifted by the grace and benediction of the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, arise, help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

We pray our neighborhoods, our communities, and cities. We pray for our neighbors, institutions, and schools. We pray for our partner ministries and churches.

O Lord, arise, help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

We pray for all first responders, for nurses, doctors, hospital administrators and staff members, that they might be kept from illness and fatigue, and given the strength, fortitude, wisdom, and skill to heal.

O Lord, arise, help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

We pray for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Tom our governor, and all who live here.

O Lord, arise, help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

We pray for our nation, for Donald our president, and all members of the government and military.

O Lord, arise, help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

We pray for our world, and all its nations and leaders.

O Lord, arise, help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

We pray for the sick and dying, that they may find healing, patience, and strength through the mercies of God.

O Lord, arise, help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

We pray for the lonely, the isolated, and the terrified that the peace that passes all understanding will their hearts and minds with the knowledge and love of God.

O Lord, arise, help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

Rejoicing in the power of the resurrection and standing firm in the promises of God, joining in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin

Mary, the Holy Apostles, St. Faith and all the saints of God, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds these concluding Collects*

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto You for our help and strength. We beseech You to deliver us from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the medical means by which healing and cure are sought; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**