Public Witness Weekly Prayers

EPISCOPAL PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK

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Join us each week as we share new prayers for the vulnerable among us facing challenges, fears, and threats. We will name many of the harms unfolding and acknowledge what is being erased, lost, and threatened. These prayers are not a replacement for action; they are meant to offer space for grounding and discernment as we seek to bear one another's burdens in the love and way of Christ.

THANKSGIVING FOR HOUSING PROGRESS AND SHARED PURPOSE

God of hospitality, who calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those without shelter, we give you thanks for recent steps toward safe, affordable housing across this nation—especially bipartisan federal legislation to expand housing opportunities and support communities seeking homes for working families and veterans. When neighbors disagree on the best path to affordable housing, keep us rooted in shared responsibility to care for one another. Teach us to listen without judgment and to love one another across our differences, recognizing the good accomplished when leaders work together. As we hope and pray for this work to continue, strengthen our hands to turn these promises into lasting change, until every person has a place of safety and rest. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR PROGRESS TOWARD HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

God of healing and mercy, we give you thanks for relief reaching older adults this year, especially for negotiated Medicare prices that took effect for 10 widely used prescription drugs covered under part D, and new federal rules establishing a framework for future drug price negotiations. For seniors who struggle to afford medicine alongside groceries and rent, we thank you for this step toward more affordable care. Fill us with hope for the work that remains and strengthen our commitment to healthcare as a human right. We pray for everyone still burdened by high medical costs, as well as advocates and elected leaders working toward universal healthcare in New York and across the nation, so all may receive the care they need, regardless of their means. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR PROGRESS TOWARD LEAD-FREE SCHOOLS

Creator God, source of living water, we give you thanks for communities working to replace lead pipes that threaten public health, and for federal funding to reduce lead in drinking water at schools and childcare facilities. For every place made safer through this work, we thank you. Even as millions of lead service lines remain, fill us with hope and determination. Strengthen the resolve of local leaders and lawmakers to finish this necessary work so every child may drink safely and grow up healthy. Guide us by your Holy Spirit to care for our neighborhoods and protect the gifts of your creation. Amen.