

THE WAY OF LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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This set of Prayers of the People incorporates the seven movements/rhythms of the rule of life set forth in Presiding Bishop Curry's invitation to practice the Way of Love, in conversation with Holy Scripture and the Book of Common Prayer. Each bidding calls upon God using scriptural names for Jesus.

The form adapts the Book of Common Prayer Prayers of the People Form I, offering prayers with intercession for:

- The Universal Church, its members, and its mission
- The Nation and all in authority
- The welfare of the world
- The concerns of the local community
- Those who suffer and those in any trouble
- The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)

Let us pray.

Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to **TURN** our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer, saying: **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to **LEARN** your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst. We pray together, **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Son of God, you responded to your Father in **PRAYER** and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that the people of [country name] might live in unity and peace. We pray together, **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Light of the World, you taught us to **WORSHIP** in spirit and in truth. Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that the whole world might be united in the truth of your love. We pray together, **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Lord, you came not to be served but to serve. Empower us to **BLESS** one another and our neighbors in [this city, this town, this village], that your spirit of generosity, compassion, and selfless action transform us and the people in our midst.

We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to **GO** among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, [especially those we now name silently or aloud] that we might live like you, crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint. We pray together, **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and **REST** in your grace. May all who have died, [especially N., N.], rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray together, **Jesus, guide us in your way.**

The Celebrant offers this concluding collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us into live as your Beloved Community in this age and in age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**