

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Announcement/Bulletin
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2024

WE HOLD THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES, MINISTRIES, AND PEOPLE IN PRAYER. *During the Prayers of the People in our worship services we bring before God the needs of others and of ourselves. It is our privilege. It is our duty as followers of Jesus. We ask you to remember these requests before God through the week as well.*

WE PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD
FOR OUR LEADERS

We pray for Joseph, our President. We pray for the leaders of the nations around the globe, and we pray for those in authority under them. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things.

FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for those who fear for tomorrow: may your Spirit of comfort draw near to them and those whom they love.

We pray for those with power over war and peace: instill them with godly wisdom, discernment, and compassion.

We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear: hold and protect them.

Most of all we pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Loving and liberating Creator, send your healing Spirit upon all involved in the current conflict and violence in the Middle East. Comfort those who mourn and who have been harmed by brutality. Stand with those who are fearful. Protect and provide for the powerless and the vulnerable. Inspire a spirit of forbearance and understanding within all and uphold those who even now work for a just and durable peace. In the name of Christ. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

For all bishops and all ministers, remembering especially: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne our Provisional Bishop; Kristin our Diocesan Bishop-Elect; Ken, Nedi, and Wendell our Assisting Bishops.

In our Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world and especially this week for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

In our Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church, and especially this week for the Diocese of East Tennessee and its cathedral, St. John's Cathedral (Knoxville).

In our Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Diocese of Southern Ohio, and especially this week for:

Christ Church, Xenia, Jean Cotting, Priest in Charge;

St. James Church, Zanesville, Robert Willmann, Rector; Robert Howell and Susan Riis, Deacons;

and Postulants and Candidates for Priesthood, Phoebe Bentley, Amy Cochran, Molly Cool, Maggie Gough, Victoria Lewis, Alane Osborne, Kyle Schenkewitz, Greg Williams.

In our Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Cathedral and especially this week for:

Brian, Natalee, and Gavin Floyd,

Michelle Foster and Alex Fibbe,

Marjorie Fox,

Mary Gardner,

Mike and Barb Gehrig,

Garrett, Ellen, and Libby Gerard,

Steve Gerdson,

and John and Chris Gillespie.

We pray this week for all who have requested our prayers, and especially:

Jean Cotting;
Andrew Hopkins;
Shirley Schooler;
Vicky Schooler;
The Rev. Rick Cross;
Kathryn Cross;
Mary Lynn Woebkenberg;
Patricia Williams;
Quill Jefferson;
and Roger Foote.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in God's eternal kingdom.

And on their anniversary of death, we remember:

Elmira Hannaford;
and Robert Vogt.