

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader Almighty God, in the beginning you created heaven and earth.  
In the fullness of time, you restored all things in Christ. Renew  
our world with your grace and mercy. Come, Holy Spirit:

**People                Restore us.**

Leader Eternal God, your Spirit breathes life into the whole world.  
Breathe new life into your church, enflame us with the fire of  
your love, and empower us to proclaim the Gospel to all  
people. Come, Holy Spirit:

**People                Renew us.**

Leader Gracious God, you desire the unity of all Christians. Gather  
together all the churches to witness in the world your  
redeeming love. Come, Holy Spirit;

**People                Revive us.**

Leader Merciful God, through your Spirit you supply every human  
need. Heal the sick, comfort the suffering, and strengthen the  
afflicted. Come, Holy Spirit:

**People                Sustain us.**

Leader Everliving God, you give us life and new life in Jesus Christ. You  
uphold us by your Spirit and give us faith to face the future in  
the power of your love. We remember all the faithful departed

and those whose faith is known to you alone. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Come, Holy Spirit:

**People**                    **Enliven us.**

Celebrant Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy. With your warmth, bend our rigidity, and guide our wandering feet. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All**                    **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People**                    **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All**                    **And also with you.**