

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this holy day we dine together as the body of Christ, and at the table come to love and serve one another. On this holy day, then, let us pray for the church and the world, saying: God of love and mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servanthood:

God of love and mercy,

hear our prayer.

For our congregation, that in these holy days we may grow in love for one another and for all people:

God of love and mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those who will be baptized at Easter, that they may rejoice in their passage through death into new life:

God of love and mercy,

hear our prayer.

For all the leaders and people of the world, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression:

God of love and mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the hungry in body or spirit, that they may be fed:

God of love and mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that they may know the full extent of God's love for them:

God of love and mercy,

hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs and for all the faithful departed who join us at your table of grace:

God of love and mercy,

hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*