

Prayers of the People, Form IV

The Prayers of the People are Form IV found on page 388 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Brief pause.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. **We pray for our companion Diocese of Botswana, for all the people of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop elect, Samuel and Jennifer our Bishops, Daniel our priest; and for all clergy and people.**

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. **[We ask that you hold Daniel and Lucy in the palm of your hand. Keep them safe and well while they are away from us and return them to us with new insights and enthusiasm for the work You have given them to do.]**

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. **We pray especially for all those on our parish prayer list this week: [Henry, Sandy H, Jacki V, Sharon, Kevin, Carol, The Cook Family, Garry, Jane, Linda, Bill and Claudia].**

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died **[especially]**, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently or aloud. *Pause for people to add their own prayers.*

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.