


## Prayers of the People (Year C: Epiphany 2, 1-19-2025) REVISED

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Let us offer God the words of our hearts, saying God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Church, that inspired by Mary's words and actions, we may become better disciples by doing all that God asks of us. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies. In this, *the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, we pray that all Christians live a common life and one faith that witnesses to the world. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the children and leaders at the Children's Winter Camp at Camp Stevens and for our Ecumenical partnerships during *the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. In the Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Pendleton. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this country and its leaders, that as we transition to a new administration, all elected officials work to bridge divisions, set aside animosity, and address the issues of those they serve; especially those who are suffering, in need, and on the margins. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For a greater recognition of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, that we use the gifts that we have been given and encourage one another to build up the Body of Christ and to generously serve those who are in need. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those affected by wildfires and other major disasters. Strengthen and sustain them, help them find safety and meet their immediate needs. Protect and fortify fire fighters, and all those responsible for helping disaster victims. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, transform our failures and disappointments into new opportunities for your kingdom. Revive our mission to declare your love through our lives. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving thanks for the life and witness of Martin Luther King Jr, we pray that following his example, we may continue to break down barriers and resist racism and oppression in the name of love. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are anxious and depressed, for those who are addicted and weary, for those who are sick and suffering, for those who are awaiting a diagnosis, and for those living with a diagnosis. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the dying, for those who have died and for those who mourn their loss. We pray especially for Anne Curo, and for the twenty plus souls who lost their lives in the L.A. wildfires. Bring them to share in the wedding banquet of your kingdom. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the special needs, concerns and thanksgivings of this congregation. Especially those we now name either silently or aloud...**[10 seconds of *sustained* silence]**... God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:**

Holy God, you gather the whole universe  
into your radiant presence  
and continually reveal your Son as our Savior.  
Bring healing to all wounds,  
make whole all that is broken,  
speak truth to all illusion,  
and shed light in every darkness,  
that all creation will see your glory and know your love.

This we ask through Jesus who is Christ  
and lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**