## Prayers of the People (Year C: Lent 4, 3-30-2025)

Lector: Start here!

Gracious and forgiving God, hear now our prayers to you as we say, God of love, have mercy on us.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for La Province de L'Église Anglicane Du Congo. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the youth and leadership of retreat Nightwatch--waking up in All Soul's, Point Loma this morning. In the Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for US Navy Chiefs on their 132<sup>nd</sup> birthday. God of love, **have mercy on us**.

For the church, that we might be examples of your good news to those who know us and surround us. Use our hearts and hands to your purpose. God of love, **have mercy on us**.

For leaders here and abroad, turn foolish hearts from fearmongering, hate and division to a desire for true service, a passion for peace and justice, and the bonds of love. God of love, have mercy on us.

For those who are afraid, give them strength, for those who are facing disaster, loss, or difficult diagnoses, comfort them with your spirit of hope and greet them when they turn to you in their anxiety. God of love, have mercy on us.

For those in want or need, that by releasing our selfish grasp on the fruits of the earth and commerce, all will have sufficient to be full. Guide us in transforming unjust structures in trading and governance. God of love, **have mercy on us**.

For this parish, that as we celebrate the completion of our building remodel today, we strengthen our ongoing mission as ambassadors for Christ. God of love, **have mercy on us**.

For ourselves, give us the grace and clarity to see the path you've chosen for us, to follow it, and to correct our course when we are led astray. God of love, **have mercy on us**.

For continued generosity in our Lenten giving for Comunidad de Luz and for reenergized commitment to our personal Lenten observances and practices. God of love, **have mercy on us**.

For all who have died, especially Janet. Remember them in love, and bring us with them to the new creation in your Son. God of love, **have mercy on us**.

For our own prayers of petition and thanksgiving, which we now offer in silence or aloud... (10 seconds of SUSTAINED silence)... God of love, have mercy on us.

## **Celebrant:**

Through Christ you make us a new creation, O God, for with him we pass from sin to the new life of grace. Accept our prayers in the warm embrace of your compassion, and welcome all people to the festive banquet of your table, where we may rejoice in your love and celebrate the inheritance you have given to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**