

Prayers of the People (13th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16, Year A, 8-23-2026)

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Merciful God, you who guides us and beckons us forward, hear now our prayers as we say: Son of Man, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church, that with their diverse gifts its members fulfill your mission. Son of man, **hear our prayer.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Dunstan's, San Diego and for Agape House, its ministries, and the students of SDSU and UCSD. In the Military Cycle of prayer, we pray for the United States Marine Corps Reserve on its 109th birthday. Son of man, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in leadership, remove all fears that lead to oppression, contempt, and diminishment of human worth. Grant humility and strength leading to cohesive living. Son of man, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the welfare of the world, for those experiencing conflict and warfare, for those dealing with natural and human-made disasters, for those who hunger and thirst for knowledge and freedom. That we may know peace and justice in all the world. Son of man, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer and have been wounded at the hands of the church, and for those who are oppressed in the name of God. Son of man, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that being many members of one true body, we minister together to build Christ's kingdom and pray jointly in the name of Christ. Son of man, **hear our prayer.**

OVER...

We pray for Debbie Kistler. We give thanks for the time we shared with her, and for Debbie's use of her gifts at St. Mark's and across our Diocese. As she moves away, we ask for your guidance and blessings upon Debbie in her new journey, that she find a community that nurtures her faith and continue to grow in Your love. Son of man, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit, for Bill and Cyndi, and for those we now name, either silently or aloud.....**[10 seconds of *sustained* silence, please count in your head, 1001, 1002...1010]**... Be with those who long for relief from their suffering and anoint us all with your Holy Spirit. Son of man, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dying and the dead, unlock the gates of paradise that all may enter in. And, we pray for those who mourn, that they be comforted in their time of need. Son of man, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant:

Loving God, you have given us the example
of the Son of Man's life as the template for our own.
And you have shown us,
in his death and resurrection,
the power of your promises to us.
Hear now these our prayers
that we may love you with our whole being
and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors.
All this we ask through Jesus the Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.