

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

<p>For the church... <i>We ask God to unite the church and help us tell others about Jesus.</i></p>	<p>For creation... <i>We ask for help in caring for the beautiful world God has made.</i></p>
<p>For the world and its leaders... <i>We ask for peace, healing, and justice throughout the world, especially in places where there is violence or injustice.</i></p>	<p>For people in need... <i>We ask God to care for those who are sick or sad or suffering in any way, including those known to us personally.</i></p>
<p>For the saints in our lives who have died... <i>We give thanks for their lives and ask God to help us live by their example.</i></p>	<p>Any additional petitions... <i>We name other needs or requests not covered by the above petitions.</i></p>

We end the prayer in some way. For example: "To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen." The "Amen" is a way of saying "Yes. Let it be so."