

## PRAYER LIST

Let us pray...

**...in thanksgiving for the members of our congregation:** David Rohde, Patrice Rohde, Frank Santora, and Jean Santora;

**...for support and protection for those who serve our country at home and**

**abroad:** Alex Berger, Mike Busey, Sam Gray, Wes Dyson, and Thomas J. Hunt;

**...for those in need of God's healing grace:** Vivian Aldridge, Tim Dyson, Carl Fletcher, Gaynelle Hoover, and Lindy Lynch; *Our continuing prayers are offered for:* George Dyson, Butch Helwig, Buddy Linton, Rhonda McGraw, Jeanne Read, Jean Santora, Rose Speake, Joan Shoemaker, Roy Squires, and Luci Wright.

**The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer:** Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Canons and staff of the Diocese; all Vestries, parish leaders, and staff members.

**The Anglican Communion cycle of prayer:** Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines, The Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao - Prime Bishop of the Philippines.



**World Refugee Day** was last Sunday, July 7. The Episcopal Church has a variety of relevant faith-based resources available here:

[www.episcopalchurch.org/world-refugee-day](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/world-refugee-day)

including the Prayers of the People that we used in our worship today and a 3-minute video address by the Presiding Bishop.

An icon of Christ written by Robert Lentz, OFM, that has particular resonance for this subject is called Christ of Maryknoll. A copy of it is on the altar today.

A brief video by the author is available here:

<https://www.trinitystores.com/artwork/christ-maryknoll>

You might also consider these prayers from the *Book of Common Prayer*:

*For Social Justice*

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Oppressed*

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Various Occasions no. 21.*

Almighty God, who hast created us in thine own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Don't forget that these announcements can also be found on the church website, [OldDurham.org](http://OldDurham.org). You can view them in the calendar (look under "About Us" in the upper left) or view the service bulletin via the "Bulletin Announcements" button.*

**Adult Forum:** Please join us at 9:15am in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings for coffee, learning, and thought-provoking discussion.

**Pastoral Care Team** meets today after church.

**Joe's Place Food Pantry** distributions are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Hall. The next distributions are July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors. ☺

**Movie Night:** Join us to watch Green Book on Wednesday, July 17 at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

**Festival 2019:** The next planning meeting for this year's Durham Festival will be on Monday July 22nd at 5 PM.

**Vestry** meets on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

## FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

*Here are some prompts for reflection about today's parable. They are taken from Serendipity Bible, 10<sup>th</sup> ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996).*

1. In the parable Jesus told, why do you think the priest and the Levite (an assistant to the priests) refused to stop and help the mugging victim?
  - a. They were in a big hurry.
  - b. They didn't want to be bothered.
  - c. Traveling on a notoriously dangerous road, they were afraid this was a trap to rob them.
  - d. They thought the man was already dead.
  - e. They were afraid to get too close, because the Law didn't allow them to touch a dead body.
2. Why did the Samaritan—whose people the Jews despised as halfbreeds both physically and spiritually—stop and help the man?
  - a. He evidently knew the man.
  - b. The man was hurt, so it didn't matter to the Samaritan who he was.
  - c. He put the wounded man's safety above his own.
  - d. He didn't care about the religious problem of touching a corpse.
  - e. He knew what it was like to be hurt and have others pass by.
3. Why do you think Jesus told this parable in response to the lawyer's question, "Who is my neighbor"?
  - a. to let him answer his own question
  - b. to catch him in a moral dilemma
  - c. to use the "case study" approach that lawyers use
  - d. to show how the expert in the Law failed to practice what he preached
  - e. because the real question was, "To whom must I be a neighbor?"
4. After hearing this parable, who would you say is your "neighbor"?
  - a. any person in need
  - b. those I have a reasonable hope of being able to help
  - c. those I'm most afraid of helping
  - d. everyone—even my enemies

5. With whom do you identify most in this parable right now?
  - a. the legal expert—always asking tough questions
  - b. Jesus—under great pressure to say or do the right thing
  - c. the mugging victim—bruised and bleeding
  - d. the priest and Levite—too busy or too afraid
  - e. the Good Samaritan—fulfilled by passing on God’s love
  - f. the innkeeper—constantly being asked to take care of someone
6. How do you feel when your efforts help others? How do you feel when your efforts don’t seem to help?
7. Who has been a Good Samaritan in your life? How can you be a Good Samaritan to someone this week?
8. What does this story say about each of the following?
  - a. how I should spend my life
  - b. in whom I should invest my energy
  - c. what kind of risks I should take
9. What would be the costs of doing the risky thing God may be calling you to do with your life?
  - a. loss of time
  - b. loss of energy
  - c. financial sacrifice
  - d. strain on relationships
  - e. strain on my emotions.

## **SAINTS THIS WEEK**

The Episcopal Church calendar has a full line-up of ‘saints’ or commemorations this week. Depending on your interests, there are all sorts of faith-filled people whose lives you could reflect on: a Native American, Samson Occum, Witness to the Faith in New England, 1792 (July 14); “The Righteous Gentiles” who perished trying to protect Jews from the Holocaust in Nazi Germany (July 16); William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836 (July 17); Bartolomé de las Casas, Friar and Missionary to the Indies, 1566 (July 18); Macrina, Monastic and Teacher, 379 and Adelaide Teague Case, Teacher, 1948 (July 19); Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1902; Amelia Bloomer, 1894; Sojourner Truth, 1883; and Harriet Ross Tubman, 1913 (July 20).

You can look up their biographies and the prayers and scriptures associated with them in *Holy Women, Holy Men* (available here: <https://tinyurl.com/y5hu97d8> )

## **MINISTERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

**Presider and Preacher:** The Rev. Catharine T. Gibson; **Deacon:** The Rev. Susan Fritz; **Crucifer:** volunteer; **Readers:** Mary Mosher and Gary Leyland; **Intercessor:** Linda Buffalo; **Chalicists:** Carl Lockamy and Melinda Torreyson; **Altar Guild:** Sue Hunt. **Flower contact for July:** Melissa Gibson.

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