

Prayers of the people for a Sunday in Pride season

All-loving God, whose life is the source of our life, whose love is the source of our salvation, pour out your grace upon your church and upon the world, that all may know you, love you, and serve one another in your Name;

hear our prayer.

All-governing God, who set forth the foundations of the world, so direct, inspire, and correct those in authority in this nation and the world, that the laws they make and the policies they embrace may reflect the dignity with which you created humanity in your image, and in harmony with your creation. Remove from the imaginations of power all thoughts toward oppression, discrimination, or other sins of pride, that we may truly love your image in one another, and in your Name;

hear our prayer.

Incarnate God, you lived among neighbors, friends and enemies alike; you know the intimate and everyday concerns of your people in this and every community. Where there is suffering, continue to heal it. Where there is harm, continue to expose it. Where there is need, continue to feed your people with the abundant Providence of God, from whom all blessings flow. Do not let us forget, either, our responsibility for one another's welfare, in your Name;

hear our prayer.

Resurrecting God, we pray for those who live in the shadow of death, in places of war, in places of terror, in unsafe homes, in uncaring communities. We pray for an end to war, an undoing of terror, a disarming of hatred. We pray for those who have died, known to us and known only to you, that we may one day receive the same mercy that you have for each of them. In your Name we pray;

hear our prayer.

Awe-inspiring God, we thank you for the joys of human living, for the relationships that bring us closer to the knowledge of your love, for the colours of creation that reflect your glory, as the prophet recognized in the rainbow the glory of the living God.* We thank you that we are "marvelously made"* in your image, and in your Name;

hear our prayer.

Closing collect

Everliving God, we give thanks for the ways in which you have allowed the prism of your glory to be reflected through the diversity and beauty of creation, and through your children, made in your image. We repent of the times we have refused to recognize it. We rely on your mercy to restore its vision to us. We give thanks that you always hear our prayers, made in your Name. Amen.

*Ezekiel 1:28; Psalm 139:13