

Intercessions for Sunday, December 13, 2009

The prayer intentions for this day are listed in the leaflet with the readings for this day. We remember those in our cycles of prayer as well as those in any need. Waiting and watching for our sure and certain hope, let us pray for the world redeemed, the church reformed, and for all people restored in the coming one, asking God to “hear our prayer.”

We rejoice in your saving presence this day, O God, for your promise to alleviate disasters and gather outcasts. Through us, bring relief to all for whom any calamity or catastrophe has created suffering and displacement. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We rejoice in your renewing presence this day, O God, for you give us your saving word that makes us die to sin and raises us to new life. Keep your church steadfast in your word and receptive to the ways of your Spirit among us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We rejoice in your providing presence this day, O God, for you are the supplier of our every need. Provide warmth and food for all who lack such basic human needs, and use our hearts and hands as the means of your gracious provision. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We rejoice in your sustaining presence this day, O God, for in your goodness and mercy you bring forth the fruits of the earth. As field and farmland now rest in winter’s night, may harvests again be bountiful after seedtime and summer’s growth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We rejoice in your strengthening presence this day, O God, for in you there is no fear of retribution, May those who worship in this place find confidence in the welcome of genuine community and the warmth of holy hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We rejoice in your comforting presence this day, O God, for you promise never to leave us or forsake us. Keep us in communion with St John the Evangelist, Simon Gibbens and all the saints, until that day when all tears will be wiped away and sorrow will be no more. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Alert and on guard for the coming of the Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting all things to your never-failing love in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.