



Prayers of the People

Loving God, repeatedly through your Word you called your people to faith, in so many confusing, uncertain, and terrifying situations. Messengers, angelic and human, prophets, and Christ echoed the cry, “Do Not Be Afraid!” Your Church still needs it today. We pray for all members of the Body of Christ around the world that they may live into these words and model them for their family, friends, and neighbors. We pray for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Embolden them to teach and preach, calling your Church to unity of heart, combatting the dividing spirits of our age. Empower your people for days such as these. In our mission and ministry, **May we not be Afraid.**

Our nation is hurting and divided. People have stopped listening to and caring for one another. We denounce “the other” instead of finding common ground. We pray for our leaders. May they lead. We pray for those in authority. May they strive for the Common Good. May we model inclusion, acceptance, and love. Despite our troubles,
May we not be Afraid.

We live in a time of plague, famine, and war. You are our Hope. In you we trust. Our world is looking for answers and reaching for easy solutions that lead nowhere. May you show us all the way of Life. Deliver us from the loss, the effects, and the anxiety of the pandemic. We pray that we might see with your eyes, and love with your heart. Let us be your hands, and feet, and a reassuring voice of calm and peace. As we pray and serve, **May we not be Afraid.**

In our Fellowship, may we live fully into your Abundance. May we be seen as Gracious and Hospitable. Help us to live into the truth that you have given us all that is needed to do the work you have given us to do. We have friends and loved ones who are hurting and in need. We pray for them, [especially... insert

the names of those in need of prayer.] We entrust these into your healing hands,
May we not be Afraid.

You know those who are in need, some known to us and many more not. We lift up those, maybe even here with us today, whose souls are weary and weighed down. Heal

their hurts. Fulfill their needs. Comfort their souls. For them and for us when we face the trials of this life, **May we not be Afraid.**

We remember those who have died, may they find a place in your eternal kingdom, [*especially... insert names of those departed*]. And when we finish this pilgrim path, may our way lead to you. When that day comes, **May we not be Afraid.**

Priest: Loving God, hear the prayers of your people. Drive out all their Fear. Fill them with Purpose. Grace them with Love. Enable them to embody your Will. In Christ's name, in whom there is no fear. *Amen*