

Prayers of the People: Seeing the Face of God in Each Other

As Jesus saw the dignity in each person he met, let us strive always to live our lives according to the example of our Lord and Savior.

As we discover the face of God in each other, let us be mindful of those who support us and guide us, including our family and friends, our parish family, and the whole community of Saints. Let us also be mindful that each and every person is a child of God deserving of dignity, respect, and love.

Let us support the young and old. Let us help support education (educators and students). Let us support those in troubling situations, prisoners, orphans, the handicapped, those who are sick, and all those who just need to know that they are the beloved.

As each reflects the face of God in all of God's wild and beautiful diversity, let us endeavor to end racism both in our own hearts and in our society. Let us strive every day to build God's holy mountain.

Let us endeavor to end drug abuse, to stop bullying, hazing, and rumors. As each reflects the face of God, help us to not turn our back on those who need our love most.

We give thanks for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Prince, our own Bishop, for their leadership and guidance, and for _____ our priest and _____ our deacon. Guide them in their holy work and help us support them in their leadership.

May we be given grace to support and help those in need or in a time of loss, those who are hungry, the elderly, and the less fortunate. Help people face their fears, and guide us as we assist those who are lonely.

As each reflects the face and the grace of God, help us to support the LGBT community as it struggles for equal dignity and respect.

We pray for God's creation, our environment. Let us help to stop pollution, littering and help endangered and stray animals.

We pray for world leaders, for the armed forces and veterans. We pray for our first responders and the medical community. Let us be thankful for those who lend supplies after a disaster.

As we see the face of God in each other, let us commit to spreading the word of God by random acts of kindness, by not expecting anything in return, that we may never judge by appearances, and by forgiving one another.

Let us be thankful for all our gifts and blessings and for the wisdom and understanding to know that we see and recognize the face of God in each other.

Amen.