

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (14 April 2019)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for an end to hatred, division, oppression, violence, apathy, and greed; for courage and gratitude to those who promote peace and equality; and for advocates who speak for those on the margins of society ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for freedom for those unjustly accused and sentenced; for their families who grieve and suffer with them; for those awaiting trial; and for reconciliation between victims and offenders, that justice is restored ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for our religious and civic leaders; for transparency and honesty in the service of leadership; and for an end to unjust laws and practices that unduly burden, disillusion, oppress, and dominate ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for all who bear the heavy burden of poverty, homelessness, hunger, want, and fear; for those who have little hope for themselves or their loved ones; and for those who have lost faith in God ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for innocent victims of violence and neglect, sexual abuse and abortion; for the conversion of hearts hardened against the cries and pleading of those who suffer; and for the healing of their broken spirits ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for all who are sick in mind, body, and spirit; for the homebound and disabled; for those who feel neglected, depressed, afraid, or suicidal; and for those preparing for, or recovering from surgery; we pray especially for Kevin Bunting; Sue and Ray Barb;

... for healing and comfort in the assurance of God's care ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for all who have died, along with the martyrs whose last breath proclaims Christ's victory over death; and for the forgotten victims of violence, war, and natural disaster; we pray also for our loved ones, especially John Ardito; Luke Pittman; Richard Wells—brother-in-law of Ardin Goss; Carol Ann Cologne; Hubert Lieser—brother of Colette Pettit;

... for peace in God's eternal embrace ... we pray to the Lord.