

Pentecost (9 June 2019)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for God's people, the church of Jesus Christ, her people and her shepherds; may she rise above challenges, scandals, and power struggles, to be a reassuring sign of the Holy Spirit at work in the world ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for leaders, teachers, healers, pastors, and ordinary faithful disciples who are clear and joyful signs of God's peace, presence, and forgiveness; and for those who still struggle to know and put faith in God ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those whose faithful Christian witness and sacrificial love for their neighbor challenges the cynical and invites the weary to trust; for those who suffer or are persecuted for their faith ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for the conversion of those who use wealth, power, or notoriety as false claims of the Spirit's presence; and for those who denigrate the small, but powerful ways in which the Spirit touches lives ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for those who fear God has forgotten them; for refugees, the poor, the lonely, and those mistreated for being different; may they know the kindness of true Christian believers, and God's care in their distress ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for the sick and suffering, for our loved ones living with addiction, chronic pain, and mental health issues, for the disabled and the homebound; and for their caregivers; we pray especially for
Bill Christman; Jake Huewe (YOU-we); Barbara Ferency; Mary Doherty;

... that God's face shine upon them, and heal their pain ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for our those who have returned to God in death, those we mourn deeply, and the forgotten victims of war, random violence, and natural disaster; and for the gift of God's consolation; we pray especially for
Alice Christman—wife of Bill Christman; Richard Crotty; Joseph Wu;
Shirlee Rothrock—sister of Bob Steed & aunt of Cindy Steed; John Hammes;
Hubert Lieser (LEE-sir);

... that they know peace in the eternal embrace of God ... we pray to the Lord.