

**Year A RCL** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

*Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17*

In faith, let us pray to the Lord, saying....

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Loving, all-powerful God,  
You make heaven and earth,  
You keep us safe in your presence,  
You ever watch over us in love,  
We look in hope and faith to You alone.

**Silence**

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Praise be to the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, the Savior and Redeemer of the world!

Through You, Lord Christ, all the families on earth are blessed.

May your rule set to rights a world riddled with the bitter fruit of our self-interest, violence, brutality, injustice, hatred and fear.

Come now Lord, and be lifted up among all the people of the earth, that many would believe in you and be saved.

I invite you to pray for the world and her leaders, remembering especially...

**Silence**

Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

We know firsthand, O Lord, that the wages of our sin leads to death,  
And we delight in the blessing of your salvation, receiving with gratitude and faith  
the gift of eternal life.

Visit your church, Holy Spirit, with bold faith to believe your promise, as Abraham  
did, and, so believing, to receive your forgiveness.

We join our brothers and sisters around the world to praise your glorious name,  
Jesus Christ, you who save your people from their sins.

I invite you to pray for the church throughout the world.

### **Silence**

Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who suffer because of sin and human evil.

We remember the abused, the enslaved, the imprisoned, the orphaned, the  
widowed, the rejected and slandered, and those injured by addictions and despair.

We pray for the depressed, the lonely and forgotten, for those weighed down by  
anxiety and guilt, the bereft and grieving, and for anyone whose spirit has been  
crushed and deeply wounded.

We remember the starving, the sick, the refugees, the poor, the homeless, the  
terminally ill, and those crippled by pain and infirmity.

The groaning of the world is too much for us to bear.

Come quickly to us, Lord Jesus, you who took on flesh and understand all our pain.

I invite you to pray for the needs of others.

### **Silence**

Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

Merciful Lord, keep us near to you this week.  
Give us a hunger for your Word,  
And help us to make space to listen to you.  
We confess our need for you:  
For your wisdom and guidance,  
For your protection and provision,  
For your help and comfort.  
In every area of our lives we need you, Lord,  
And we ask that you would be our daily portion.

I invite your prayers for the upcoming week..

### **Silence**

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Look in the deep places of our beings, and create in us clean hearts.  
Give us a right abhorrence for our own sins.  
Help us to be alert and self-controlled,  
That we may flee the snares of our enemy.  
Show us where we have withheld forgiveness,  
And, because of your great mercy, grant us grace to forgive others.

I invite your prayers for repentance and perseverance.

### **Silence**

Lord in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We thank you for your church,  
For all who have been given your grace in Christ Jesus.  
We remember now those who have died in the faith, trusting that they are in your  
care.

### **Silence**

Lord in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We delight in your forgiveness, O Lord,  
And our hearts shout for joy because of your steadfast love.  
There is none like You, Holy and Majestic One,  
Who in mercy draws near to us.  
We gladly offer you our lives, surrendering all to you through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, Amen.