

Prayers

Washington National Cathedral, June 7, 2020 – Trinity Sunday

A Prayer for Unity

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth in our nation, to support one another without hatred or bitterness, that, being bonded in love, we may live in unity with you and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Holy, holy, holy God, in calling forth creation from the void, revealing yourself in human flesh, and pouring forth your wisdom to guide us, you manifest your love for your whole universe.

In the midst of pandemics: one of COVID and one of the devastating impact of racism, as your people, we lift our voices gathering the world's needs into our hearts and bringing them before you.

Keep silence.

That the Church may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as a beacon of justice, hope, and love to a suffering nation and world. We pray for leaders in all faith traditions around the world who minister to those in their care.

Holy Trinity,
hear our prayer.

That the leaders of this and every land may seek peace, equality, and unity. For all in authority in our nation, especially Donald, the President, and the Congress, Governors and Mayors, that unified in purpose they will respond to the needs of all people during this troubled and critical time in our common life with wisdom, compassion, and justice.

Holy Trinity,
hear our prayer.

That all in our nation during this time of sorrow may confront our failure to respect the dignity and life of every human being. We pray for an end to the inhumanity and hatred in our country that destroys lives and betrays our sacred humanity.

May the cries of those who feel powerless and invisible, whose lives have been traumatized and remain threatened by the legacy of slavery and institutional racism, be heard; help us bring this legacy to an end.

Holy Trinity,
hear our prayer.

That all who gather to lift their voices demanding racial justice and social change along with those charged with keeping communities safe may find common ground of understanding.

Transform hopelessness, frustration, anger, and pain into a movement toward a just future where all persons are recognized and treated as sacred—created in the image of God.

Holy Trinity,
hear our prayer.

That all who seek healing and all who are in special need of grace and strength at this time may be surrounded by your loving presence. For all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love. We pray especially for those with chronic illnesses and those suffering with the coronavirus. Bless medical professions who continue to provide care for those in need and give strength to those caring for loved ones.

Holy Trinity,
hear our prayer.

That young people graduating from high school, whose future is full of promise, and the new generation of leaders, being freed from prejudice, may work to heal and bind our country. May they inspire all generations to celebrate and honor the diversity of races and cultures that make up the rich tapestry our nation.

Holy Trinity,
hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all the departed, remembering Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, and the unnamed souls who have lost their lives because of racial injustice.

May they now rest in peace, in that place where there is no pain or grief but life everlasting.

Holy Trinity,
hear our prayer.

Keep silence.

Concluding Collect

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will. Receive these our prayers, and those too deep for words to express; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.