

PRAYERS 17 April 2021

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for the ministry of all who volunteer at Saint John's, for all who are members and all who work here. We thank you for the new COVID-19 vaccines and for all who are helping to make them available to us. We thank God for those who celebrate birthdays this week including Robert Perez Nevins, Edith Williams, Thomas Edward Gladwell III, Wayne Kempton and Luis Vilches, for all who listen to our weekly audio and on-line offerings, for this neighborhood of Getty Square, The Sharing Community and Westhab, The Salvation Army, the YWCA and YMCA, the Yonkers Fire and Police Departments, all teachers, students and elected officials including our Mayor, for Saint John's Riverside Hospital, Saint Joseph's Medical Center, for all hospitals, nursing homes and group homes, and for all who work to help others.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for our country and for a change in our policing so that all people are protected and defended. We pray for the families of Adam Toledo, Daunte Wright and George Floyd, for all who mourn their passing, and for all impacted by gun violence--most recently in Indiana, South Carolina, Texas, California and Colorado. We pray for all who are in danger by virtue of their labor, those who are in need of God's healing grace and those who are struggling with COVID-19. We offer up healing prayers for Jane Metzger, The Rev. Canon Claudia Wilson, Tom O'Connor, Linda Brown, Susan Spielmann, Joan Simpson Marszat, Lara Pilla, Philip Godlewski, Bill DiBartolo, Judy Hinsch, Marie Baptiste, Margaret Arguinzoni, Denton Watson, Aida Carino, Shelly Henderson, Jill and Michael Potenza, Tom and Marianne Tonnesson, Robert Tracey, Connie Tracey, Jon Apolinario, Bill Randolph, Deacon Luis Rivera, Diana Wright, Phyllis Jackson, Adrian Campbell, Marsha Ra, Carla Navallo, Henry McNamee, Ruby Dixon, Joan Smith, Velma Crichton, Edith Williams, Carol Shoemaker, Judith Shorrocks, Catherine Corry, Anna Walters, Thomas Neale, John Farrell, Barbara Somers, Melinda Rosas, Donna Coyne, Benay Cooper, Linda Barta, Carla Jean DeBride, Naomi Henderson, Shaadira Smith, Roland Smith, Kelly Chadwick, Mary Sullivan, Al DeFeo, Melvyn Davis, Wendy Maxwell and Floyd Davis. We pray for Anthony Johnson, a Postulant for ordination as a deacon, for all who have lost their jobs and all who are struggling to pay rent and other expenses, for the Scavenging Workers' Children in India, for all who have been treated less than justly due to the color of their skin, including Asian Americans, and for changing hearts surrounding issues of racism in America.

We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled, including Adam Toledo, Daunte Wright, Prince Philip, Debora Miranda, Earl Simmons (aka DMX), Joseph John DiBartolo, Officer William Evans, Firefighter Jared Lloyd and those who have been murdered in recent gun violence. We pray for all who have died from illness, natural disasters and warfare, and for the more than 565,000 Americans who have died from COVID-19. We lament those who have died over the centuries including indigenous peoples, due to slavery, lynching, racism and the unequal and unjust treatment of peoples in this country, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.