

## PRAYERS 9 MAY 2021

On this Mother's Day, we thank God for all who are mothers, and for all who have mothered us. We thank you for Episcopal Charities and the good work that they are doing, and give thanks for the COVID-19 vaccines and all who help to make them available. We also give thanks and pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, including Adelia Henderson and Chris Michel-Karsten, 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 the 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--including the VISTA Assisted Living Residence in East Harlem--and for all who work to help others.

We pray for our country and for a change in our policies so that ALL people are protected and defended. We pray for the families of Andrew Brown, Jr., Ma'khia Bryant, Adam Toledo and Daunte Wright, for all who mourn their passing, and for all impacted by gun violence--most recently in the Oneida Casino in Wisconsin, and in Indiana, Florida, Washington DC, Maryland, Illinois, Kansas, Seattle, Tennessee, Missouri, and Connecticut. 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, and we offer up healing prayers for Jane Metzger, Susan Spielmann, Linda Brown, The Rev. Canon Claudia Wilson, Tom O'Connor, Bob Walters, JoAnn Pilla, Joan Simpson Marszat, Philip Godlewski, Bill DiBartolo, Judy Hinsch, Dan Katz, Marie Baptiste, Margaret Arguinzone, 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 an end to hate crimes involving Jewish Synagogues, for all who have been treated less than justly—including Asian Americans and members of the Sikh Community—and for changing hearts surrounding issues of racism in America.

We pray for all who have died, including Olympia Dukakis, Lara Pilla, Walter Mondale, Andrew Brown, Jr., Ma'khia Bryant, Adam Toledo, Daunte Wright and all who have been murdered in recent gun violence, including the Casino Shooting in Wisconsin. We pray for those who have died from illness, natural disasters and warfare, and for the more than 580,000 Americans who have died from COVID-19. Today, we remember Elizabeth Hrizo in whose memory the flowers have been given, and we remember all of our mothers who have gone before us. We also 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.