Prayers July 25, 2021

We give thanks for the COVID-19 vaccines, and for those who celebrate birthdays this week including Ruby Dixon and Carol Stone Walsh, 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 and for all who work to help others.

We pray for our Bishops and for inspired ministry in this Episcopal Diocese of NY. We pray especially for an end to the gun violence plaguing our nation, for those in danger by virtue of their labor, for all who are struggling with COVID-19, those affected by the wildfires in Oregon and by the flooding in western Europe, and for all in need of God's healing grace. We pray today for Marilyn Berkower, Noah Phorpe, Noelle Phorpe, Norah Phorpe, Oshane Phorpe, Agnes Schumacher, Trudy Vilches, Bruno Ukaj, John Sutter, Ival DeBride, Linda Brown, Karen Edmonson, The Rev. Canon Claudia Wilson, Wayne Kniffen, Joan Simpson Marszat, Henry McNamee, Susan Spielmann, Kayla Detz, Catherine Corry, Judith Shorrocks, Philip Godlewski, Judy Hinsch, Marie Baptiste, Margaret Arguinzoni, Aida Carino, Shelly Henderson, Connie Tracey, Ruby Dixon, Joan Smith, Velma Crichton, Edith Williams, Carol Shoemaker, John Gore, Anna Walters, Thomas Neale, John Farrell, Barbara & Chris Michel-Karsten, Carla Jean DeBride, Naomi Henderson, Shaadira Smith, Roland Smith, Al DeFeo, Melvyn Davis 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 those affected by the COVID pandemic, for the people impacted by the famine in Ethiopia, 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 Tom O'Connor, Douglas Freeman, Margaret Trenkamp and Ann Stabile, as well as those who have been murdered in recent gun violence across the country, those who have died from illness, natural disasters and warfare, for those who lost their lives in the Surfside, Florida Condominium collapse (and their families), and for the more than 609,000 Americans and the over 4 million people around the world who have died from COVID-19. We also lament those who have died over the centuries including indigenous people, and all who have died due to slavery, lynching, racism and the unequal and unjust treatment of peoples in this country.