

## Appendix I. Prayers of the People

Deacon or other leader

Beloved God, we thank you for giving us power through your Spirit to reveal your life to the world: strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example. [\_\_\_\_\_.]

We are your Church, O God.  
Guide us in your grace.

We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth you have given us to cherish and protect: nourish in us your love for all you have made. [\_\_\_\_\_.]

We are your stewards, O God.  
Guide us in your grace.

Guide and bless us in our work and in our play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life, that all people may share in the fulfillment of your creative work.  
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We are your servants, O God.  
Guide us in your grace.

| Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people; in  
| those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, in  
| those different from us and those familiar to us.  
| [\_\_\_\_\_.]

| We are made in your image, O God.  
| Guide us in your grace.

| We thank you for calling us to a glorious heritage as your  
| holy people. Free us from lack of vision, from inertia of  
| will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of  
| isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

| You are the life within us, O God.  
| Guide us in your grace.

We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble. [\_\_\_\_\_.] Bless those who will be

born today and those who will die, that joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

In you alone we have eternal life, O God.  
Guide us in your grace.