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**ISAIAH 44: 6-8**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.  
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;  
    have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
    You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
    There is no other rock; I know not one.

**PSALM 86: 11-17**

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; \*  
    knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.  
I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, \*  
    and glorify your Name for evermore.  
For great is your love toward me; \*  
    you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.  
The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my  
    life; \*  
    they have not set you before their eyes.  
But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
    slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.  
Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
    give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your hand-  
    maid.  
Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be  
    ashamed; \*  
    because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

**ROMANS 8: 12-25**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the  
flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit  
you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the  
Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to

fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### **MATTHEW 13: 24-30, 36-43**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered,

“The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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### **The Prayers of the People— Form II**

Intercessor: Let us pray for Christ’s church and the world.

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; For our Presiding Bishop

Michael, our Bishop DeDe for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our parish for Marsha Tauro and Raymond Vescera. For parishes in our diocese, especially St. Paul's Church in Constableville, and Trinity Church in Constantia.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Dottie Divers, Elaina Renfrew, Evelyn Mercer, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Ruth Ziemer, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jason, Bill, Steven, Merle, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, Lynne, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Bill, Erin, Penny, Ann, and those we now name, silently or aloud.

the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Julius Jensen, Gertrude Coe, William Cady, Jean Weir, and Pat Wilkes and those we now name, silently or aloud,

*Silence*

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*



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