

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
FALL 2020

Rev. Jill: Drawn together in the compassion of God,
let us respond to each petition with the words
“Hear us and help us.”

Lector: Caring for the Church around the world, we
pray —
for the health of congregations during this difficult
time,
for our bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders.
O God, you are full of compassion;
Hear us and help us.

Rev. Jill: Seeing before us your good creation, we
pray —
for the repair of what we have harmed,
for the delicate balance of the environment, and
for communities ravaged by storms, floods, and
fires.
O God, you are full of compassion;
Hear us and help us.

Lector: Facing so many problems in this world, we
pray —
for the strengthening of democracies,
for racial justice and healing,
for hatred and suspicion to cease, and
for protesters and police.
O God, you are full of compassion;
Hear us and help us.

Rev. Jill: Confronted with fracture in our nation, we
pray —
for wisdom and grace to all who hold authority in
our land,
for all who seek elected office,
for an ethical campaign season, and
for citizens to make wise decisions for the well-
being of our country.
O God, you are full of compassion;
Hear us and help us.

Lector: Surrounded by people with great and
hidden need, we pray —
for families frightened by the uncertain future,
for students and teachers struggling with changing
educational needs, and
for refugees and for prisoners.
O God, you are full of compassion;
Hear us and help us.

Rev. Jill: Aware of all who are sick and suffering, we
pray —
for all affected by COVID,
for those struggling with anxiety, depression, and
addiction,
for those at work on a vaccine,
for medical staff and essential workers, and
for those we remember before you.
*(Free prayers and intercessions, and the prayer list
of Ascension are inserted here).*
O God, you are full of compassion;
Hear us and help us.

Rev. Jill: Blessed by your goodness, we give thanks
for the beauty of nature and music,
for the gift of family and friends,
for minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to
serve.
In the certain hope that nothing separates
us from your love, we offer these prayers to
you; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**