Leader:  Standing or kneeling, let us pray to the Lord.

WAIT FOR PEOPLE TO FIND THE PAGE AND KNEEL IF THEY WISH. DO NOT BEGIN UNTIL YOU LOOK UP AND SEE THAT PEOPLE ARE READY TO CONTINUE.

We offer a prayer of thanks for people everywhere who labor for the spread of the Gospel. May we be joined with them heart to heart, and hand to hand. We ask for the grace to remember that every act of kindness, however simple, builds the Kingdom of God. Carpenter of Nazareth, hear our prayer.

We offer a prayer of gratitude for the bishops and others who lead Christian communities around the world, especially [church leaders by name]. May they be faithful pastors and wise guides. Carpenter of Nazareth, hear our prayer.

We offer a prayer of support for the leaders of the nations, especially [political leaders by name], and all those running for office this year. May they have zeal for justice and abundant mercy. We ask for the grace to recall that we also share in the stewardship of creation. Carpenter of Nazareth, hear our prayer.

We offer a prayer of hope for the needs of our nearest neighbors. May we have the eyes to see their needs and the hands to help meet them. We ask for the grace to follow in our Lord’s footsteps, working to bring hope and new life to the world. Carpenter of Nazareth, hear our prayer.

We offer a prayer of fellowship with all human labor. We ask for the grace to be able to see in all work a reflection of the hand that created all things. Carpenter of Nazareth, hear our prayer.

We offer a prayer of concern for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially:
May they have comfort and hope, and may we be instruments of God’s peace in their lives. Carpenter of Nazareth, hear our prayer.

We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for our partners in mission, especially [churches in the diocesan and Anglican Communion cycles of prayer]. May we stand shoulder to shoulder with them in sharing God’s redeeming love. Carpenter of Nazareth, hear our prayer.

We offer a prayer of peace for all who have died, especially:

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May they rest from all their labors, and may we join with them in the Communion of the Saints. Carpenter of Nazareth, hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
guide our hands,
gladden our hearts,
and accept these prayers for Jesus’ sake.
Amen.