



**The Prayers of the People: Vision of Life**

**One: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.**

***All: Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud, be gracious to us and answer us!***

***All: Attentive God, we bring our prayers to you because we trust you to protect and provide. Forgive us when we struggle to trust.***

**One: Lord, in your mercy,**

***All: Hear our prayer.***

***All: You know what we need. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us. May we live into your vision of life and forgive us when we fail to do so.***

**One: Lord, in your mercy,**

***All: Hear our prayer.***

***All: You sent your Son into the world that all might find life in him. Help us to find that life that we may do well by our community of faith and our neighbors.***

**One: Lord, in your mercy,**

***All: Hear our prayer.***

***All: We pray for the Church in all places recognizing the ways in which we often fail to reflect the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Forgive us when we fail to represent you well.***

**One: Lord, in your mercy,**

***All: Hear our prayer.***

***All: You show your salvation to all the ends of the earth. We pray for the world, for all who do justice and love mercy. Forgive us when comfort trumps compassion.***

**One: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

***All: (with the \*Sign of the Cross\*):  
"Glory to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever.  
Amen"***