

Worship Ministry

Intercessors Guidelines

These guidelines provide information to assist a parishioner to participate to read the Prayers of the People from the Book of Common Prayer. There are six (6) Forms that may be selected. Form 1 begins on page 383 of the Book of Common Prayer. NOTE: if the intercessor is not present, the LEM will be able to lead the prayers.

Intercessors' Prayers for the People:

1. Prepare for the readings (reference the tips on Reading the Scriptures under the Lector's Guidelines).
2. If there is a bar on the left side of the text, the prayers are optional.
3. Remain in their pew when reading but are encouraged to sit from the middle of the nave or back to ensure worshippers can hear the prayers recited).
4. Will be provided with a folder containing the information or the bulletin insert to use for the reading.
5. Will be read after the Nicene Creed (for reference on page 383 of the Book of Common Prayer).
6. The Rector will follow with additional prayers.

The Prayers of the People found in Form I though Form 6 of the Book of Common Prayer, provide the basic outline noted in the below 6 items. The Intercessor will insert from the bulletin/announcements as appropriate:

1. The Universal Church, its members, and its mission
2. The Nation and all in authority
3. The welfare of the world
4. The concerns of the local community
5. Those who suffer and those in any trouble
6. The departed.