

The Prayers of the People
(Based on the Millennium Development Goals)

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- Leader* Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I ask your prayers in support of Goal 1: eradicating extreme poverty and hunger.
- God of Abundance, challenge us to enlighten the powerful, comfort the weak, and care for the needy.
- People* **Hear us in your mercy, Lord, and give us strength and courage to do your will.**
- Leader* I ask your prayers in support of Goal 2: achieving universal primary education.
- God of Wisdom, shine through us so that the light of knowledge is shared by all your people.
- People* **Hear us in your mercy, Lord, and give us strength and courage to do your will.**
- Leader* I ask your prayers in support of Goal 3: establishing gender equality and the empowerment of women.
- God of Justice, incite us to remove all barriers to freedom faced by those who suffer from discrimination because of gender, for we are all one in your sight.
- People* **Hear us in your mercy, Lord, and give us strength and courage to do your will.**
- Leader* I ask your prayers in support of Goal 4: reducing child mortality.
- God of Love, empower us to bring strength and hope to the young and the helpless, for you love each of us as your only child.
- People* **Hear us in your mercy, Lord, and give us strength and courage to do your will.**
- Leader* I ask your prayers in support of Goal 5: improving maternal health.
- God of Grace, enable us to change the lives of mothers whose health is compromised and whose well-being is threatened, so that they and their families grow and thrive.
- People* **Hear us in your mercy, Lord, and give us strength and courage to do your will.**
- Leader* I ask your prayers in support of Goal 6: combating HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other preventable diseases.
- God of Healing, teach us to value every human being as your creation, and inspire us to use our skill and knowledge to eradicate pandemic diseases.
- People* **Hear us in your mercy, Lord, and give us strength and courage to do your will.**
- Leader* I ask your prayers in support of Goal 7: ensuring environmental sustainability.
- God of Creation, focus us on the precious gift that is your world, for you have entrusted it to us as your stewards and we show our thanks by our care.
- People* **Hear us in your mercy, Lord, and give us strength and courage to do your will.**
- Leader* I ask your prayers in support of Goal 8: establishing a global partnership for development..
- God of Unity, grow in us a spirit of mutual respect and reconciliation to work with others worldwide for the common good.
- All* **We ask all this in the name of Christ, whose grace and love empower us to reach every worthwhile goal.**