

Partners in Ministry Spiritual Life

Prayers to be Read at All Worship Services

"For the Parish Family"

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; arouse the careless and apathetic; recover the fallen and restore the penitent; remove all hindrances from receiving your truth; and enlighten and guide your priests. Grant us all things for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your Holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[The above prayer is based on prayers "For the Parish" found in The Book of Common Prayer, page 817, and Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (Order of the Holy Cross), page 36]

"Partners in Ministry Prayer"

Almighty God, you have given to your Church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers for the work of ministry in building up the Body of Christ: Grant that we may faithfully respond to the vision of Partners in Ministry and that we all gain a unity of faith, and knowledge of the Son of God until we reach a measure of the full stature of Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.

[The above prayer is based St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 4, verses 11-13.]

These prayers can also be effective if incorporated into the parishioner's daily personal prayer time.