

HYMN: Sanguis Christi, salva nos (Taize)

WE PRAY FOR...

Those who live peacefully...
Those who recycle and re-purpose...
Those who welcome the stranger...
Those who ground their compassionate action in contemplative, non-dual consciousness...
Those whose hearts are filled with the love of God and their “dear neighbor...”
Those who speak truth to power...

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Those who work for justice...
Those who harbor the abused...
Those who care for the sick and the elderly...
Those who care for our earth...
Those who work for racial equality...
Those who serve their countries in noble ways...



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Those who challenge and work to changes unjust systems and laws...
Those who bring a compassionate presence to people and situations...
Those who give their lives in service of their sisters and brothers...
Those who nurture the sick and addicted back to good health and wholeness...
Those who live the Gospel of Jesus...
Those who... (spontaneous ...)

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TOGETHER WE PRAY: Our Father...

HYMN: CANTICLE OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

**A PRAYER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Praised and blessed be the Sacred Heart and the Precious Blood of Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar, now and forever. Amen.

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READING FROM SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 2: 13-18

LITANY OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

(prayed freely by individuals, or by two voices alternating – slowly and meditatively)

Blood of Christ, shed in your circumcision, bless all who are sexually exploited and abused, prostitutes, victims and families of those abused by priests and bishops, and all caught in the web of human trafficking.

Blood of Christ, shed in your agony in Gethsemane, bless all who suffer for choices and decisions they have made to be true to their faith in you; bless today’s martyrs, those struggling to remain faithful during torment and torture and those who have died.

Blood of Christ, shed in your scourging, bless all who sin against God, themselves, others and creation, and fill them with the peace your forgiveness brings.

Blood of Christ, shed in your crowning with thorns, bless all in our world who are discriminated against because of race, religion, gender, or country of origin.

Blood of Christ, shed on your way to Calvary, teach us to walk with each other in peace, and find ways to bring equality and reverence for the dignity of all people into every corner of our world.

Blood of Christ, shed in your crucifixion, teach us to give our lives for others, freely and generously. In the face of injustice, give us courage to stand with the oppressed and all who have no voice, along with Mary your Mother and ours.

Blood of Christ, shed in the opening of your Sacred Heart, bless those whose hearts are broken open by grief, fear, bullying, clergy sexual abuse, mourning, and the desire for justice.

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Blood of Christ, still being shed in nations torn apart by armed conflicts: insurrections, civil unrest, war, and terror, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in the killing of innocents, the abuse of children and women, and the scourge of racism, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed by those seeking to protect countries, land and property, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in homes where domestic violence and abuse thrive, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in the fear and despair of immigrants and migrants, the homeless, hungry, and jobless, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in the elderly who are forgotten, alone, ridiculed or who die alone, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in refugees reaching new shores without a welcome or dying on the way, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in those without the opportunity for education or honest labor, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in those who are kidnapped or imprisoned unjustly, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in those who die alone, unwanted, unmourned and unloved, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in those who suffer addictions of any kind, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in those killed by police brutality, those on death row, or being “legally” executed, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in those suffering from COVID-19 and all other physical diseases, and those who care for them, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in the exploitation and misuse of our earth and its resources, and in the extinction of many species on earth, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed because of unjust laws and lawmakers who favor the rich and oppress the poor, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in fires and floods, and extreme weather conditions, save us.

Blood of Christ still being shed through global warming and all its effects, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in our sisters and brothers and wildlife dying from hunger and thirst, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed in polluted streams, rivers, oceans and air, save us.

Blood of Christ, still being shed through the selfishness of those who live with privilege and power and perpetuate injustice and inequality, save us.

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SILENT MEDITATION (5-10 minutes)

SHARING:

1. Which situation(s) just prayed for most touched your heart?
2. Which situation(s) did you find missing in this litany?
3. Where is your heart drawn?
4. What will you do about it personally?
5. What will you do about it as a community?

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Those who stand with...
Those who speak for....
Those who provide shelter...
Those who feed the hungry...
Those who give drink to the thirsty...
Those who seek justice for all...