

## Maundy Thursday

### The Prayers of the People

(Adapted from *Intercessions for the Christian People* - Gail Ramshaw, editor)  
**During Lent the Holy Landers Ministry Network offers these Prayers of the People to pray for all people and especially for the people of our Holy Land served by the ministries of the *American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem* (AFEDJ) and *Jerusalem Peacebuilders* (JPB).**

*Deacon:* On this holy day we dine together as the body of Christ, and at the table come to love and serve one another. We recall the disciples gathering with our Lord and the command given to them to love one another. On this holy day, then, let us pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, in your mercy, grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.

*Intercessor:* For the whole church of God that it may grow in unity and servanthood. Help us to know that we are connected by the One who created us all: Lord, in your mercy,  
***grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.***

For our congregation, for all congregations and particularly for the Diocese of Jerusalem parish of St. Paul's Church in Ashrafiyeh and their *AFEDJ* partners, that in these holy days we may grow in love for one another and for all people: Lord, in your mercy,  
***grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.***

For those who will be baptized at Easter, that they may rejoice in their passage through death into new life: Lord, in your mercy,  
***grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.***

For all the leaders and people of the world, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression. For the ministry of *Jerusalem Peacebuilders'* young people who learn to live in peace together and bravely take their learning back to their home environments: Lord, in your mercy,  
***grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.***

For the hungry in body or spirit, that they may be fed; for the Diocese of Jerusalem to have all that it needs to protect and sustain the fragile Christian presence in our

Holy Land and for their *AFEDJ* partners who reach out in love: Lord, in your mercy,

***grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.***

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for all who would receive no medical care without the programs at the Diocese of Jerusalem's Ahli Hospital in war-torn Gaza and their *AFEDJ* supporters, for all who have commended themselves to us [*especially N.*], and for the dying and all who mourn, that they may know the full extent of God's love for them: Lord, in your mercy,

***grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.***

For those in harm's way [*especially N.*], for all served by the Diocese of Jerusalem who live in violence and fear and hope everyday, that they all be protected and strengthened and in thanksgiving for their *AFEDJ* partners who help support them: Lord in your mercy,

***grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.***

For all who have died, [*especially N.*], that they be granted an entrance into the land of light and joy: Lord, in your mercy,

***grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.***

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs and for all the faithful departed who join us at your table of grace: Lord, in your mercy,

***grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love.***

*Celebrant:* O God, into your love we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that Christians throughout the world gather in Jerusalem this night with us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*