

A large, vertical stained glass window with intricate geometric and floral patterns in shades of blue, yellow, and red, serving as a background for the text.

Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Prayers for Parish Ministries

Prayer for Vestry:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the gifts of leadership and service to those in your Church who guide the care and keeping of our parish. Be present with those who serve on our Vestry, that their committed hearts may be fixed upon you. Grant them wisdom to notice the cares and concerns of this community, trust to follow your guidance when answers are not easy, and the knowledge and love of you to be ever-present in their discussions and decisions. Through Christ our Lord we offer our prayers to you. *Amen.*

Prayer for Red Door Ministry:

O God, by your grace you have given us gifts of food, friendship and hospitality and taught us to love others, as Christ loves us. Be present with our Red Door ministry of comfort and caring, that those who are fed in body may also be nourished in spirit. In our giving and our receiving, knit us together in community as we share your abundant love with each other. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Altar Guild:

O God of peace, you are present in the quiet moments with those who prepare this space for worship. We ask your prayers for our altar guild, brass polishers, and flower arrangers that they may seek and find your spirit in their quiet, constant ministry of beauty and love. We hold before you those of every generation whose labors of love make us one family and draw us together in our worship of you. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for Circles RVA:

Almighty God, whose loving hands enfold us and unite us in community, we ask your prayers for the work and ministry of CirclesRVA. Grant that the circles of support created in this community may fill us all with new vision and hope for the future of this city. May their caring allow others to live lives beyond what they thought possible, and give us all new eyes to seek and serve Christ in each other. In the name of Christ who connects us all, we pray. *Amen.*

Prayer for the International Missionary Society:

Almighty and most merciful God, through you the impossible becomes possible and our compassion knows no bounds. We ask your prayers for our international missionary society and the students and medical staff serving with them as they live into their call to love our neighbors as ourselves, and as they expand our vision of the neighborhood of your creation. May their planning and service renew their faith, even as the work they do sends ripples of your love and grace throughout the communities where they visit and work. We ask this in the name of your son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



Prayer for Musicians:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, we lift our voices in hymns of praise and find solace for our souls in the beauty of music. Grant to our parish musicians the freedom of mind and spirit to draw us more deeply into worship through words and music. Just as Mary sang her prayer to you, so may our souls also proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. *Amen.*

Prayer for ECM @ VCU:

God of wisdom, you form us in love and give us friendships to support us as a home away from home. Grant to the students of our Episcopal Campus Ministry at VCU the gifts of acceptance, joy and relationship as they study, learn and serve this community during their time with us. We are blessed by their presence, and we ask for your presence to be with them and guide them wherever their journeys may lead. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Pastoral Care Ministry:

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, we ask your prayers for those who offer pastoral care and hospitality to the people of this parish. Grant them discerning minds and caring hearts as they listen, speak, and serve those in need of comfort and support. May their service flow from your spirit, so that the care and kindness they offer are felt as an extension of your love. Through Jesus Christ our great physician and the Holy Spirit our comforter, we offer our prayer to you. *Amen.*

Prayer for Soles2Share:

God of mercy and compassion, you sent your son to walk in this world and preach the Gospel of peace. May your loving presence be made known to those who give and receive in Soles2Share, that as we humbly walk in one another's shoes we may become even more aware of your loving presence with all your people in this world. Walking in love as Christ loved us, we pray to you O Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Youth Group:

Unfathomable and Amazing God, we give you thanks for your presence with our youth. May their friendships with each other fill them with hope; may their gathering and their travelling be thin places where your love and mercy are felt in their lives today and in the years to come. We ask this in the name of your Son, who loves us all. *Amen.*

Prayer for Faith from the Margins to the Web:

Gracious God who is made known to your people through your incarnate Word, we ask your prayers for those who study, reflect, and share your good news through Faith from the Margins to the Web. Be present in every conversation and through your Holy Spirit, carry the good news to all who yearn to hear. Be known to us in each other across the divides of this world through sharing the eternal words given to us through our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*