PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Let us pray to the Lord R: Lord, Hear our prayer.

We lift up to you Lord, those who serve in our military and their families. We especially lift up those who are serving in foreign lands or dangerous situations. We ask your blessings upon them and that you watch over them and keep them safe.

We lift up to you the families who have lost loved ones while serving our country. We ask that you send your Spirit of peace and comfort upon them. Help us to grieve as a nation and as individuals.

We lift up to you the leaders of our nation and ask that you grant them your wisdom and counsel. Especially we lift up our President, Barack Obama and his family; our Vice President, Joe Biden and his family. Please keep them in your care.

We ask for peace in our hearts, our minds and our spirits. We pray for world peace and an end to terrorism.

We thank you for the opportunities, blessings and trials in our lives. We thank you for the sun and rain and for the beauty of the earth that surrounds us.

We thank you for our faith community. We pray for those who cannot be with us today. We lift up to you ,,,,,,(here you may list members of the congregation or other prayer concerns).

We offer to you the joys and concerns of our hearts: (here the people may speak aloud or in the silence of their hearts their personal concerns or joys).