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St. Francis Episcopal Church



October 21, 2020

Surrounded

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.
Psalm 125:2

One of the things we can do often, especially during a pandemic where there are restrictions in place, is to pray for others. I want to suggest a form of prayer that is simple and powerful. We can use it to pray for our families, neighbors, colleagues, and others. It is an ancient Celtic prayer that we have used form time to time before at St. Francis. We have used it mainly on prayer walks. We can use it with groups (over zoom), during our won prayer walks, or anytime at all. Here it is:

Circle this neighborhood, Lord
Keep evil out, keep good within
Keep greed without, keep care within
Keep addiction out, keep faith within
Keep prejudice out, keep respect within
Keep injustice out, keep truth within
Keep disease without, keep wholeness within.

As we pray we can substitute “family,” or “friends,’ or “fellow workers,” or anyone we want. I encourage you to use this prayer often. Let’s keep praying for each other.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, October 25, 2020 - Morning Prayer on *Zoom* at 10:00AM

Centerville Circle of Prayer

PakMail, David Fitzsimmons, owner, that business would increase and customers and employees would be safe.

The Diocese of Virginia

For the people of Grace, Kilmarnock; Westover, Charles City; St. James, Mt. Vernon,Alexandria; St. Gabriel's. Leesburg; All Souls, Atlee that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Anglican Communion

For the people of the Dioceses of Rajasthan (North India) The Rt Revd Darbara Singh; Cueibet (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Elijah Muteny Awet that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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