

Thanks to Ann Finch of St. James Episcopal Church in Potomac, Maryland for these weekly inserts in the Prayers of the People for the MDGs. She's got them dated to coincide with the ENS bulletin inserts, but you can use them anytime.

Thanks, Ann!

Christ's peace,

Mike+

At this month's Worship Commission meeting, we decided that the Prayers of the People during the season of Epiphany should include the Millennium Development Goals. We'll be doing an education series on the MDGs, so we want to cycle through the 8 goals in coordination with the series.

It seems to me that the best place to include them is before the 2nd petition (assuming Form II), but I'm no expert.

I'd suggest the following:

Jan 7:

I ask your prayers in support of the eight Millennium Development Goals, for all those they're meant to help and for our effective response to them.  
Pray for the human family.

Jan 14:

I ask your prayers in support of Millennium Development Goal 1, the eradication of extreme hunger and poverty; for the more than one billion people living on less than \$1 a day; and for the wealthy nations of the world who have the power to help them.  
Pray for the human family.

Jan 21:

I ask your prayers in support of Millennium Development Goal 2, universal primary education; and Millennium Development Goal 3, gender equality and the empowerment of women; that all people may grow into God's vision for them.  
Pray for the human family.

Jan 28:

I ask your prayers in support of Millennium Development Goal 4, the reduction of infant mortality;  
and Millennium Development Goal 5, the improvement of maternal health; that each infant may have  
his mother and each mother, her child.  
Pray for the human family.

Feb 4:

I ask your prayers in support of Millennium Development Goal 6, the fight against HIV/AIDS,  
malaria and other diseases; that no more lives will be lost to easily preventable diseases.  
Pray for the human family.

Feb 11:

I ask your prayers in support of Millennium Development Goal 7, environmental sustainability; and  
for the one billion people without safe drinking water; that the blessings of God's creation will  
be available to all generations.  
Pray for the human family.

Feb 18:

I ask your prayers in support of Millennium Development Goal 8, the development of a global  
partnership; that, in working together for the common good, we may bless one another and our Lord.  
Pray for the human family.