



*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*Mass—Lord Hear Our Prayer*

*Following the Profession of Faith, we demonstrate our confidence and trust in God by bringing our needs and requests to Him in prayer. We expect an answer from our loving God and Jesus assures us that when we pray in His name, we will be answered.*

*At each Mass we make General Intercessions before God. We pray for the Church, for nations, and peoples, for our local community, that we will respond to the Word of God, for those who are sick and those who have died. People ask us to pray for individuals who are listed at our Marian Shrine.*

*We also have an opportunity to PAUSE and add our own intentions. In silence each person makes a petition to God and then all these petitions are collected in the presider's concluding prayer.*

*One of the ways God already answers our prayers is by letting us be changed by the prayer itself. When we pray for an end to prejudice, we are already being purified of prejudice in our own selves. When we pray for the hungry, God is already answering our prayer by calling us to further commitment to our hungry brothers and sisters. By our turning to God in prayer, we are already recognizing that it is His way that counts, NOT our way. We suspend our own agenda and rely on God's saving work. Thus the answer to these general intercessions comes in new and surprising ways in the days ahead.*

*Let us continue to turn to God in prayer and let us rely on His promise of faithfulness to us.*



*Peace and love to all*

*Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*