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—*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 831



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A siren is blaring. An accident, a heart attack, a theft, an assault, a fire. Whatever the siren is racing toward, someone's life is falling apart. So whenever I hear a siren, I say a quick prayer: Lord have mercy on whoever is involved in that event.

Victims, perpetrators and first responders all need our prayers. So many people need our prayers: people on our personal prayer list and our parish prayer list and people at the other end of the siren. But what about the many who have no one rushing to their aid? What about the many whose needs are known only to God? For them we can offer a variation of the familiar prayer:

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us, all whose names we do not know, and all whose needs are known only to you, to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Who will be on your prayer list today?

—**Josephine Hicks**