

Prayer of the Church
Second Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere)
13 March 2022

Shepherd of Israel, our Lord and Master, remember Your tender mercies and loving kindness of old. Do not let our enemies triumph over us, and do not depart from us until You have blessed us. As You strove for Jacob, so strive now for Your faithful people who put their trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember all pastors in Christ, especially Matthew, our Synod president; Brian, our district president; and John, our circuit visitor. Renew in this congregation and among all Your saints faith to cling to You in adversity, boldness to oppose the devil and resist the flesh, and compassion to serve one another in love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember the households of this congregation, O Lord. Provide help and companionship to those who live alone, and foster love between husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes would not be places to worship our bellies, glory in shame or set our minds on earthly things, but a refuge here and a foretaste of our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember our nation and those You have placed in authority, O Lord. Give them wisdom and integrity, and grant that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder Your Church or despise Your call to repentance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember the sick and afflicted, O Lord [*especially* _____]. Deliver them for the sake of Christ, who cast out demons and performed cures on His way to finish His course at the cross. Strengthen their faith to hold fast to Him, who rose again to raise them also. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Though it is not right to give the children's bread to dogs or to cast pearls before the swine, even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table. Receive us in Your mercy and enable all who commune to make the good confession, both of our sin and of You, our only Savior, that we may receive Your true body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we implore You by Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our hearts and confirm our faith and hope in Your grace and mercy. Although we have reason to fear for the sake of our conscience, our sin and our unworthiness, let us nevertheless hold fast, like the woman of Canaan, to Your grace. In every trial and temptation, let us find You a present help and refuge; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**