

**Prayer of the Church
Palm Sunday (Palmarum)
10 April 2022**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

God Almighty, Christ, our Lord, did not count His equality with You something to be grasped, but humbled Himself. Grant us a mind like His to spurn all worldly equality and, humbling ourselves, to find Your greater portion in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Your Son humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross. Fix the faith of Your Church fast upon His death for our salvation, enrich the proclamation of this Gospel, and enliven our hearts to live out this faith until Christ comes again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You sacrificed Your own Son on the cross, that we all would be called Your children. Increase the faith of all Christian fathers, that they would receive Jesus and His sacrifice for them, and so be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God and King, Your Son entered into Jerusalem as the true ruler, poised to lay down His life for His people. Grant that same mind to those in authority over us, that they would discharge their duty even to the least among us, and so receive Your commendation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, Your Son, Jesus, came to deliver His people from all evil. Take away the fear of all who suffer in this world [*especially* _____]. As they await the fullness of their salvation, fix their eyes upon their crucified Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your Son humbly rode into Jerusalem to the shouts of “Hosanna!” so that He might give us righteousness and salvation by His death and resurrection. Mercifully grant that we would repent of our sins and rejoice in His presence as He visits us with His body and blood in His Holy Supper this day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show to us the answer to Your people’s prayers of “Hosanna,” “save now,” in the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**