

**Prayer of the Church**  
**Second Sunday of Easter (Quasimodo Geniti)**  
**24 April 2022**

Heavenly Father, Your Son greets His disciples with peace despite their sins against Him. Make us confident in His mercy toward us, and gladden our hearts as He comes to us in His body and blood to forgive, renew and strengthen us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to die for our sins and rise for our justification. By His holy wounds, bless us with the forgiveness of sins, and bless those sent to serve us in Your name, that Your Church would be built up in our time and in the ages to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, remember those who have wandered from the household of faith. Faithful to Your promises, work all things in their lives to remind them of their need for Your unending grace and steadfast love, that they might return to the faith and delight in Your Son, crucified and raised for them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You are the true source of life through the power of Your Spirit. Humble those who are given authority over the lives of our people, that they would discharge the duty You have given in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Comfort also those who weep [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*] with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, at the death of Your Son You gave the testimony of Your Spirit in the water and blood that poured from His wounded side. Grant that, having received this testimony in the water of Baptism, we may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper and so overcome the world by our faith in Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Your gifts to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for the past 175 years. Chiefly do we thank You for the gift of Jesus Christ, who alone is our salvation. By His death, You have atoned for our sins; by His resurrection, You have justified us; and by His Word and Holy Spirit, You have brought the Gospel of peace to us. We give thanks that for 175 years in the congregations of our Synod, You have richly and daily forgiven the sins of believers. Not unto us, but unto Your name, O Lord, be glory!

We implore You, O Lord, to sanctify and keep the congregations, schools and organizations together with all our people in the truth. Your Word is truth. Preserve us from false teaching; bring us to repentance for every place where love or zeal has faltered; grant us and our children bold and steadfast hearts to remain faithful to this confession and church, suffering all rather than to fall away from it; and unite us with all Christians in a true confession of Jesus Christ, in whom the world has redemption: the forgiveness of sins. To You alone be all glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**