Prayer of the Church
Ninth Sunday after Trinity
14 August 2022

As God is our good and gracious Master, let us offer up prayers for ourselves, for the Church, for the world at-large and for all people in need.

Merciful Father, You show mercy to us poor sinners. Lead us to acknowledge Your mercy with gratitude, that in turn we may be quick to show mercy to others. Give us a right understanding of our own weakness and frailty. Preserve us from pride, and lead us instead to cling to Christ and His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, by Your Holy Spirit help us always to be good and faithful stewards of all that You so graciously provide. Especially grant that we may generously speak of the salvation that You provide for all through Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, soften the hearts in every home. Turn parents and children toward each other in love and patience. Banish the spirit of impudence, stubbornness and rebellion from all. Sanctify us in Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You save a humble people, but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. Give true wisdom to the people of our nation and humility to those who act and decide for our governance, and let the lamp of Your perfect Word and way enlighten their faith and deeds. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, preserve those who are suffering temptation and any affliction. Make clear to them the way of escape, that they may be able to endure it and stand firm through faith in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us a right fear of You, O Lord, that we would not abandon Your truth. Give us a right love of You, O Lord, that we would fervently show mercy and thereby cover a multitude of sins. Give us a right trust of You, O Lord, that in repentance we would return to our Baptism daily, and in faith receive Christ's body and blood in the Supper. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, give us patience in tribulation and restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Comfort the weeping with Your lovingkindness, console the grieving with the hope of the resurrection, and help us to live in harmony with one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have blessed us bountifully and given us daily bread. We implore You, preserve us from all covetousness and enliven our hearts to share Your gifts willingly with our brothers in need, that we may be found faithful stewards of Your gifts and abide in Your grace when we are removed from our stewardship and come before Your judgment; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**