

Prayer of the Church

Sexagesima

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

Almighty Father in heaven, Maker and Provider of all things, give us hearts to receive Your gifts with thanksgiving. Free us from the cares of this world, and fix our eyes on the saving work of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Root us deeply in Your Word, that we would look to You for all our needs of body and soul and remain faithful until death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your Holy Word is cast like seed into the ground. Wherever the Gospel of Jesus Christ is sown, let it bring forth a bountiful harvest for Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church, that all the baptized would continue to hear Your Word, hold it fast in good and honest hearts, and bear fruit with patience. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, graciously remember this nation. Grant wisdom to our elected officials in their pursuit of policies for the common good, protect those who serve in our armed forces, and thwart all forces of injustice and tyranny here and in every place. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show Your kindness to all who are in any need of body or soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, Your Son has promised to be with us always, until the end of the age. Strengthen and preserve us today as He comes to us in His Holy Supper. Grant that we would faithfully receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and so obtain everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have sown Your Holy Word among us. Prepare our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may diligently and reverently hear Your Word, keep it in good hearts, and bring forth fruit with patience; and that we may not incline to sin, but subdue it by Your power, and in all persecutions comfort ourselves with Your grace and continual help; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**