

Prayer of the Church

Quinquagesima

19 February 2023

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

Gracious Father, You dwell in unapproachable light and shining glory. Illumine Your Church, and heal our spiritual blindness. Open our eyes to see the salvation You have prepared for us through Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve Your Church and her ministers. Give pastors courage to embrace gladly the crosses of their office, that following their example, all Christians may also bear the reproach of the world, the attacks of Satan and the temptations of the flesh in the confidence of Christ's redemption. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve the family and all godly Christian homes. Give parents diligence and persistence in their duties to teach the faith in word and example. Keep all children in the promise You made to them in their Baptism. Let the patience, kindness and endurance of Christian love have no end among us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless those You have placed in authority over us, that they would keep that good order among us for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with compassion on all who are suffering. Assure them of Your presence, deliver them from the temptations of the evil one and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, what You foretold through the holy prophets has been fulfilled and accomplished in the suffering, death and resurrection of Your Son. You have set forth His Passion and resurrection as the firm foundation and content for our faith. Have mercy on us, and fix our eyes on the Son of David at all times. Give us courage to follow Him through all adversity and every assault of the devil and to view His Passion with repentant hearts and delight, for by it You have redeemed us from all sin and evil. Comfort us with the certainty of Christ's resurrection, by which we have the confidence of eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**