

Prayer of the Church
Sixth Sunday after Trinity
16 July 2023

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

O Lord, our Strength, our Refuge and our Rock, do not be deaf to Your people, but hear us from Your most holy sanctuary in heaven through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all concord, by the death of Your Son You reconciled the world to Yourself and made peace between God and man. Give us Your Spirit of reconciliation, that Your people may live together in forgiveness and harmony. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You gave the Law, that we might know Your will and live as Your holy people. Increase in us true fear, love and trust in Your holy name and saving Word, that we may have no other gods but You. Guide and bless all fathers and mothers, pastors and teachers as they bring up children in the discipline and knowledge of the true faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life and love, You forgive us for the sake of Your Son, who was killed in our place. Do not hold our sins against us. Teach us to love and forgive our neighbors, to support them in every bodily need, to speak kindly to them, and to hold no hatred in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God of all truth, goodness and beauty, teach us the truth of Your Word. Fill us with virtue and righteousness. Inspire in our hearts the adoration of Your glory, that we may always be one with You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, in the Holy Supper, You forgive our sins and bind us together in Your communion of love. Grant that we, too, may gladly forgive the sins of our brothers, and let no division arise among those gathered at Your table. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, in Baptism You join Your children to the death and resurrection of Your Son. Bless the memory of all our loved ones who have departed in the faith, and comfort all who mourn with the knowledge that, being united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor, miserable sinners with no good in us. Our hearts and our flesh and blood are so corrupted by sin that we are never without sinful desires in this life. Therefore, we implore You, forgive us our sins. Let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we may love Your Word, abide by it and by Your grace be saved forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**