

Prayer of the Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogate)
14 May 2023

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

Heavenly Father, You have redeemed Your servant Jacob, and You gather Your Church. Help us declare, proclaim and utter this great salvation in speech and song to the very ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, protect Your Church from complacency, anxiety over worldly concerns and fear of persecution. Grant us zeal for the house of God and peace through Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, You have given us a mirror of Your love in the vocation of mothers who nurture, guide and raise their children in all things good. Bless them in their calling. Sustain them through weary and difficult times. Remember in compassion all who are barren, and bring them comfort through the children of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, bless our nation and its citizens. Give us good leaders, satisfying work, loving families, and a peaceful and quiet life that glorifies Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, You are the Author of life and the Great Physician. According to Your perfect will, grant health to those who are ill. Give grace to the grieving and the dying in their hour of need. *[We pray especially for those we name in our hearts.]* Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You tied Your Word to the bronze serpent, promising that whoever looked upon it would live. In the New Testament, You have tied Your Word of promise to water, bread and wine, that whoever receives these in faith receives the forgiveness of their sins. Teach us to love and cherish Your humble Means of Grace, remembering our Baptism and receiving Your Supper often. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have attended to the voice of our prayers, for You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Let Your mercy comfort and sustain us in prayer, that we may heartily and fervently pray to You at all times and in all places, not doubting but trusting in Your promise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**