

Prayer of the Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cantate)
7 May 2023

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

Father, You have provided a well of salvation, springing up from the empty tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lead us to drink deeply from His Word of life and never neglect His gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God our Father, You raised Jesus from the dead and bestow His perfect righteousness on Your Church. Put away all filthiness, wickedness and wrath from our midst, that receiving Your Holy Word, we may grow together unto salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of the risen Christ, St. Paul commanded the Church of old to teach and exhort with their psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Strengthen the songs of Your Church today to glorify the Gospel of Your living Son, who is enthroned upon the praises of His people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, You tempt no one. Defend us against all enemies, that we would not seek our own good outside of Your gracious and perfect will. Order our life together by Your implanted Word, which is able to save our souls. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, You sit in judgment over all the rulers of this world. Proclaim to them the witness of Your Spirit concerning sin, righteousness and judgment. Grant them ears to hear and the will to establish earthly righteousness according to Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, every good and perfect gift comes from You. Deal kindly with Your servants who are sick, injured or in need. Renew those You have created in love, and grant us Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You promised Your Holy Spirit, who would convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. Enlighten our hearts, that we would confess our sins; obtain everlasting righteousness through faith in Christ; and through every trial and temptation, abide in the consolation that Christ is Lord over the devil, death and all things. We ask that You would graciously deliver us from all affliction to make us partakers of eternal salvation; 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.**