

Prayer of the Church
Second Sunday of Easter (Quasimodo Geniti)
16 April 2023

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

Heavenly Father, Your Son is the firstborn from the dead. In Him, we have been reborn into a new and living hope. Nurture us with the pure milk of Your Word, that we may grow to maturity of faith and have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, You overcome our doubts by the patience and grace of Your Son. Inspire us by the testimony of His holy apostles, and build up Your Church in our time. Remove the weight of sin from as many as will repent. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, build up the households of Your people, that Your holy children, begotten in Baptism, may grow in Your grace and share together in Your forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous King, You promise that the faith of Your people will overcome the world. Let it be so! By the testimony of the Word and Sacrament, overcome the powers of this world. Turn its evil to good, and enliven many to follow Christ in faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all comfort, You permit even Your beloved people to fall into difficult days of confusion and suffering and draw near to death. Send Your Spirit to lift them up in faith, that they may follow You through their trials into eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**