

Prayer of the Church

Palm Sunday

2 April 2023

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You brought Your Son to the cross by a faithful life of selfless love. Teach us to cherish His sacrifice above all else, treasuring His redemption, that we may also live faithful and selfless lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have baptized us into Your heavenly realm as royal sons. Fix our eyes on the humble sufferings of Christ to increase our faith, and pattern our lives after His example for the service and salvation of the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, while we were yet Your enemies, You sent forth Your Son to suffer and die, freeing us from death. Guide us to love those who hate us, to pray for our enemies and those who persecute Your people, and to give witness to the hope within us in the day of trial. Bring them to repentance, that they may be of one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, You promise to cut off the war horse and the bow. Come down upon the arrogant powers of this world. Humble all rulers under the merciful reign of Your Son, that they may be effective servants of what is right. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, draw near to those in trial and peril. Forsake not the broken-hearted, nor those in any kind of need. Hear their humble cries; come quickly to their aid; rescue those who delight in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna," in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**