

Prayer of the Church
Ninth Sunday after Trinity
6 August 2023

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, deliver us from false trust in wealth, success and the bounty You provide. Fix our hearts fully on You and Your eternal goodness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You entrust to Your people the abundant wealth of Christ's salvation in Your Word and Sacraments. Bless pastors, that they may be faithful stewards of these mysteries, and grant that Your people would make proper use of Your Means of Grace and rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, do not let Your people misuse Your good gifts or be captivated by worldly wealth, but use them accordingly and for the good of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, deliver our common life from all cheating, swindling and robbery. May integrity and uprightness preserve us, that each would seek not his own advantage, but the good of others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, grant that our president, Congress, governor, legislature, judges and all entrusted with authority would serve well, act with integrity and heed the voice of Your Word in the fulfillment of their duties. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the sick and suffering. Give them strength to endure their trials until You remove them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us with Your saints in glory around Your throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.