

**Prayer of the Church**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**10 September 2023**

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

Great Physician, You will that the pains and ills of this life should draw us to the feet of Your Son. Strengthen and focus our faith in every trial and trouble, that they would redound to faithful worship in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, You have prepared the Church of Christ to be a lovely court in the midst of a troubled world. Form our hearts to long for the place where Your glory dwells, that we may find healing and peace at His feet. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of all, hear us on behalf of the fathers in Your Church. Impart to them the boldness of Solomon to exhort their sons in wisdom and justice, that they would persist in the way of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, grant Your protection upon our land and people. Deliver us from violence and discord. Grant safety to all who work to bring peace to our land, including those in law enforcement and members in the armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The lepers came to Your Son for mercy. Send Your merciful hand upon the sick and needy. Grant that their sicknesses would be turned to health and their troubles to joy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, the 10th leper found the true and eternal priest in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to seek our healing from Him and to give Him thanks in the tabernacle of His Holy Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You gave Your Son once upon the cross, and You give to us His life-giving body in His Holy Supper. Teach us and strengthen us by this Sacrament to crucify our own flesh daily, that we may walk always according to His Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks, O Lord, for all the saints who have walked before us according to the Spirit, resisting the lusts of the flesh. Inspire us after them to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit by the power of Christ crucified. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**