

**Prayer of the Church**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**17 September 2023**

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

Heavenly Father, You see how this world, its money, its clothing and its possessions tempt us to worry and doubt, yet You know all our needs of body and soul and promise to care for us. Call us by Your Gospel to entrust everything into Your sure hands. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All-supplying Lord, You promise to provide for the proclamation of Your Gospel. Make Your Church and her pastors bold to build upon Your Word, that in times of woe and uncertainty she may never cease to share Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Divine Master, Your Son warns that we cannot truly serve You and pursue security in worldly wealth. Grant us firm faith in Your provision and the peace which this world cannot give. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord God, You have set Joseph, our president, and Kim, our governor, as authorities over us for our good. Bless and sustain them with all they need to govern us, that we might be ruled wisely and in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bow down Your ear, O Lord, and hear our cry on behalf of all who suffer in body or soul. Save Your servants, heal them and bear witness thereby to Your mercy in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving God, Your all-sufficient generosity will provide every need in time and eternity. Increase our faith. Still our anxious hearts. Call us to share the blessings of this world in view of Your promises in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, You sustained Elijah and Your saints of old through weal and woe, plenty and scarcity. Inspire us in the light of their faith to walk through all circumstances until we join them at Your unending banquet. 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.**