

Prayer of the Church
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
1 October 2023

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

Lord God, Author of all concord, You will that Your people be one. Knit together Your Holy Church, that according to their vocations, they may join in humble service to the world and jubilant praise of You, the only God. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us, O Lord, the right and blessed use of Your holy day: to take our rest and give rest to others, and above all to gain rest for our souls through the ministry of Your Son in His Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless all Christian homes with Your presence. Make them places of peace and refuge in Christ. Strengthen all married couples, that their union as husband and wife might be a reflection of Christ and His Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, uphold Joseph, our president; Kim, our governor; and all our leaders. Direct their work toward the common good of all people, as found in God's Law written on our hearts and in Your righteous decrees — especially to protect the unborn and those who cannot speak for themselves. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, look in kindness upon those who have been humbled by the troubles of this life. Lift them up in healing, and renew their strength to serve You in what You have called them to do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bless this congregation, its mission and all its people. Grant us the ability to accomplish the work You have given us to do. Most especially, grant us the unity of Your Holy Spirit in the bond of peace. 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.**