

Prayer of the Church—LWML Sunday
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
8 October 2023

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

Lord God, fix our faith on Your love shown to us in Christ. Give us Your Holy Spirit. Increase our love for You and for our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, and let Your preachers be proven faithful. Preserve Your Church, and let all Christians be glad to enter into the house of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son is Bridegroom and Lord, faithful over Your house, the Church. Raise up the sons of our congregation to follow Your Word, and bless their families with godly lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of lords, by the reign of Your Son You govern all things in heaven and earth. Raise up true Davids among us to govern our land in faithfulness and, in humble strength, to do Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Father, our Lord Jesus Christ is seated at Your right hand, even now subjecting every enemy under His feet. Give this certain confidence to us and to all Your saints in this vale of tears, to the needy, the troubled, the joyful and the expectant. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, You call us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, Your Holy Christian Church. As we come to receive the peace of the Lord in this Sacrament, let this true peace be with us always. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, You have shared Your own glory with Your saints, seating them on the thrones of Your heavenly reign. Draw us also to Your house to sit among them as David of old and so receive Your heavenly benediction. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**