

Prayer of the Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
15 October 2023

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

Create in us clean hearts, O God, by the forgiveness of Your Son, that we may put off the old ways of sin and walk in the way of His commandments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We glorify You, Lord God, that You have given such authority to men to forgive sins in the name of Jesus Christ, whose blood has made atonement for the sins of the world. Focus every word and deed of Your ministers in the Church toward this Office of the Keys, that the Gospel may predominate in our worship and life together. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You call Your children to put off the old man of sin daily and live together in the forgiveness of Christ. Fill our homes with Your Holy Spirit. Leave no place for the devil, but work Your righteousness and holiness among us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve the lives of Joseph, our president; Kim, our governor; and all our leaders. Even as You rule the world by Your mighty power, be pleased to give wisdom to our nation, that it may have peace and success in accordance with Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, You bestow healing on our bodies above all to show Your power to forgive sins. Grant healing and strengthen their faith in Your sure word of absolution. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, how awesome is this place, the very house of God and the gate of heaven, for here, according to His Word, Your Son is bodily present with us in the Sacrament of the Altar. Bring us in repentance and faith to eat and drink worthily at His Supper this day, and through its forgiveness and healing, put off the old self and be renewed in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Your healing and forgiving are united in the ministry of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us whole through the reception of His grace, and spread it abroad for the comfort of those broken by this world. 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.**