

Prayer of the Church
Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity
12 November 2023

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

O Lord, You know the plans You have for us even when we do not. Teach us to trust in Your promises, leaving our future to Your care and walking with wisdom in Your heavenly way, even while here on earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, You call Your pastors to steadfast and holy lives as examples to Your people. Edify them in their vocation, and inspire Your saints to follow after them in the way of our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Solomon taught his sons a wisdom that turns from the proud and hates evil. Build our homes upon this holy foundation, and bless our children with fruitful, godly lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of kings, the rulers of this world are to be Your ministers for good. Grant them the wisdom of Solomon, that they may decree justice and relegate every pride and evil from our land. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have made us in Your image and whatever we have belongs to You. Let us treasure Your Word above our money, and render both our taxes and our tithes with thanksgiving as citizens of earth and heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, grant healing and protection to those in need especially those named in our bulletin and in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, You hold out to us the lives of St. Paul and all the saints as icons of Your own divine life. Convince us of our communion with them as citizens of heaven and heirs of Your gracious kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, that which our flesh desires cannot compare with Your gift of wisdom. Preserve us from treasuring the jewels and riches of this life. Instead, let us place our trust in the priceless treasure of Your Son, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**