

Prayer of the Church
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity
19 November 2023

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

Awake, O Lord, and heal the wounds of Your people. Strengthen those You have redeemed, that they may lead worthy and fruitful lives in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the churches, You promise to tend Your congregations like lampstands around Your altar. Illumine them by Your Holy Spirit to show forth Your Gospel in the present darkness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, by Your Word and promise You have made us Your people. Give us each day our daily bread, that we may find contentment in Your gifts and, with thankful hearts, serve our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of kings, raise up godly and humble rulers in our land. Teach Your people to honor them while reserving all fear for Your Christ, who has made us and accomplished our redemption. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, You hear the cries of the faithful amid the laughter of this world. Sustain those who suffer for Your name's sake. Answer their prayers, and vindicate them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your presence abides with us in the body and blood of Christ in His blessed Sacrament. Call us in faith to worship and receive Him here, adoring Him as our Rock and Salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, see how this dying world mocks the power of Your resurrection! Instill in us confidence in Your promises, that we may arrive faithfully at the gate of death and join with Your saints in glory. 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.**