

**Prayer of the Church**  
**Last Sunday of the Church Year**  
**26 November 2023**

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

Teach us, O Lord, to number our days and know our frailty. Let us find our hope in Christ alone until we are crowned with joy at His final coming. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have anointed and enlightened us in Holy Baptism, and You call us always to renew our light by the ministry of Your Church. Keep us by Your Word and Sacraments until Your Son comes. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have called us to build and to plant and so cultivate the world by our various vocations. Endow the faithful with Your Spirit, that they may bear rich fruit in their lives and enjoy the work of their hands. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember the leaders of our country and all who serve in our military. Fill them with Your wisdom, and protect them in every danger. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You extend Your care and blessing to young and old. Guard both infants, who have lived but a few days, and the elderly, living out the rest of their days. Increase their faith and enrich their lives, until they live eternally in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be near to the sick and the suffering. Comfort them with Your divine promises, and grant Your healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have prepared us by Baptism for entrance into the marriage feast of Your Son. As we now draw near to taste this feast, enlighten many others also to seek You and join us at Your table here and in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are Lord of those who are awake and those who have fallen asleep. You knit us together in the salvation of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Preserve our hope and teach us to number our days, until we enter together into the kingdom of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**