

Prayer of the Church
The Transfiguration of Our Lord
21 January 2024

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

Almighty God, in Your Son Your glory tabernacled in human flesh and blood to win for us eternal life. Open the eyes of all people to see Your glory in the face of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You admonish Your children to listen to Your Son. Give us ears to hear Him as He speaks to us through His Holy Word and Sacraments, and grant us faith to believe that He delivers forgiveness, life and salvation to us through the same. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, with the appearance of Moses and Elijah at our Lord's glorious Transfiguration, You reveal to us that all the Law and the prophets are fulfilled in Him. Send Your blessing upon the pastors and servants of Your Church, that all their preaching and teaching would flow from the right understanding that all Scripture testifies of Christ and His work for our eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, bless the families of Your Church, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households. Remember all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept healthy throughout their pregnancies. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You rule over the nations of the earth. Bring injustice and oppression to an end, that all would share in the goodness of creation. Watch over our soldiers and those who serve in our armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, look with compassion on those in need. Grant them relief and comfort through the promise of eternal glory with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, how lovely is the dwelling place of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who invites sinners to eat and drink of His body and blood. Grant to all who come to this feast repentant hearts, that they would receive forgiveness and be strengthened in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have made human life in Your image. You adopt and adore us each just as we are for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Grant us this grace also to receive every neighbor as a gift and privilege notwithstanding appearance or ability.

Graciously restrain the deception and selfishness that pressure many into viewing death as a solution to suffering. Bring an end to abortion, assisted suicide, embryocide, and all discrimination against the worth of any person. And enlighten our citizens and inspire our officials to enact policies and practices that protect and defend the vulnerable.

Holy Father, we give You thanks for Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, John and all who have fallen asleep trusting in Your promises. Keep us in this faith by Your Spirit and bring us with Your saints to behold the fullness of Christ's glory in His kingdom, which has no end; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

