

Prayer of the Church
Fifth Sunday in Lent (Judica)
17 March 2024

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

Almighty God, everlasting Father, You saw Israel in their despair and raised them up to hope by placing Your Spirit upon them. Join us together with the communion of saints in Christ. Raise up our dry and weary spirits by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be strong in faith, bold in witness, holy in life and steadfast in hope. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, Your Son, our Lord, commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who persecute us. We implore You, by Your gracious visitation, lead our enemies to true repentance and to have the same love, be of one accord, and share one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You called Father Abraham to offer his beloved son to You, yet You spared him for the sake of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Help all godly parents to bring up their children in Your fear and love, to direct their ways according to Your Holy Word, and to commend them to Your fatherly care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, uphold all civil authorities, especially Joseph, our president, and Kim our governor. Preserve our nation in peace, and allow Your people to live quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, because of our sins we are not worthy to pray to You, yet in Your mercy You receive our prayers through the intercession of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Hear our supplications for those in need. Answer our petitions on account of the merits and mediation of Your Son, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You spared Isaac, Abraham's son, and established his Seed, Jesus Christ, as the Savior of many nations. Gather us into Your heavenly kingdom with all Your saints, the children of Abraham by faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word, that we may not be deceived by that liar and murderer the devil, but know Your truth and so come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**