

Prayer of the Church
Holy (Maundy) Thursday
28 March 2024

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

Heavenly Father, You have built Your Church according to the humble image of Your Son. Direct our faith to His self-offering on the cross. Draw us by His redemption and after His example to resist the allure of worldly power and pursue our own sacrificial callings. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, by Your righteousness deliver our souls, which are precious in Your sight, from death. Embolden our hearts to pray, confident that Christ prays with us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, as the institution of Your new testament is celebrated this day among all peoples, make Your saving power known throughout the earth. Grant that those who boast in the sacrificial gift of Christ would share Him with the world He came to bless. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, give healing to the sick according to Your will. Grant relief to the suffering by Your grace. Give comfort to the grieving and peace to the dying. We lift before You those who have requested our prayers and those we name in our hearts. Bring all things to their perfect healing and fulfillment in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our evil way and live. We come before You, although we have sinned and deserve only Your wrath; yet we flee to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who gave His body and His blood for our redemption. Lord, grant that we may ever thus believe and never waver. Grant that in such faith we may worthily come to Your altar to eat the very body and drink the true blood which Your Son has given for our redemption. In thanksgiving, we remember and proclaim the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we place our trust. Until His return, 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.**