

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** Second Sunday of Pentecost 14 June 2020

Heavenly Father, we pray for the nations of the world - for an end to war and for peaceful resolutions of conflict; for wise government and for honesty in commerce and industry. Come to those we spend the day with, through our godly work and conversation.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church - for obedient leadership, including in our own bishops and pastors, and for faithful discipleship; for unity of teaching and belief among Christians on the basis of your word and for the mission of the church throughout the world. Show us your face in those who speak your word and apply your righteousness to us, and move us to receive them gladly.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community - for loving nurture of children and for care of the vulnerable; for respect for individuals regardless of status or power; and for the well-being of all. Come to those who need the gospel through our words and actions, and move them to receive you through us.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need or distress - for relief for those suffering from natural disasters; for hope for the despairing. Show us your face in those who suffer, and stay your hand of judgment on the world.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Protect all those who are isolated and alone. Give health to those struggling with sickness at this time. Show us your face in those we can help, and meet the needs of those we now name silently in our hearts... (brief silence)

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, in your mercy give us all these things and whatever else we need on our journey to our heavenly home; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**