

**Prayer of the Church      First Sunday in Lent (C)      6 March 2022**

Lord Most High, be the dwelling place of Your people. For the sake of Jesus, who suffered temptation and death for our redemption, be our refuge. Preserve us from every evil and plague, and strengthen us in faith so that we might be satisfied with Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, in the midst of this life we are beset by many temptations. Fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus, who bore temptation for us and resisted to the point of death, and bring us through the evils of this fallen world to dwell with You forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, Your Son trampled the serpent underfoot and freed us from sin and death by His own death on the cross. Protect and preserve all whom You call to preach Christ and Him crucified. Command Your angels concerning them, guard them in all their ways and bear them up for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, You bestow Your riches on all who call upon You. Bless parents with all wisdom as they teach their children Your ways, that all in the household may confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, govern the kingdoms of this world according to Your holy and gracious will. Protect authorities from every temptation of the devil, who falsely claims sovereignty over them, and equip them to curb what is evil and promote what is good. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all mercy, You answer those who call upon You. Hear our prayers for all who are in need of healing and restoration, especially Marilyn Doutsakis, Dave Hermann, Valerie Naguib, and those we name before you on our hearts. Be with them in their trouble, and rescue them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Please give your gifts of joy and peace to Ross Blucher as he celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Give him inner strength in his old age, and sustain him in the life of faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, everyone who believes in Jesus as Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word and, thus freed from disagreement over Your truth, bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your Son was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to suffer temptation for our sake as part of our redemption. Strengthen us when we are tempted so that we do not take His obedience for granted, and teach us to rely upon Your Word as our defense against the evil one; 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.**