

Prayer of the Church, Second Sunday of Easter (B)

11 April 2021

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

Almighty God, You have declared peace between God and man in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Receive our thanks for the authority given to Your Church on earth, and grant that the ministers of Your Church would faithfully carry out their office and pronounce the free forgiveness of sins upon all repentant sinners. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, as Your people are united in the common life and love of our Savior, help us as brothers and sisters to live together in unity, and grant that we would share that life and love with those in need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your peace flows from the risen and glorified wounds of Christ through Your Church and into the lives of all Your faithful people. Bless and direct Christian parents, that Your forgiveness would be freely shared in their homes and that each family would live together in Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You appoint rulers and officials for the sake of order and peace. Bless those You have placed in authority over us in federal, state and local governments. Give to them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we praise Your Son's resurrection from the dead and draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. *[Especially we pray for _____.]* Graciously receive our prayers of intercession and hear them for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, the Word of life was made flesh, suffered death and is risen in victory. Give us His body and blood in the bread and wine, that we may have the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace and for the sake of Your Son You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; 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.**