

Prayer of the Church - Last Sunday of the Church Year - 21 November 2021

Most merciful God and Father, thank you that in Christ Jesus we have already passed from death to life. As your dearly loved children, help us to live good lives as we await your Son's coming again in glory, Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless your Church here and around the world as it proclaims your Word and extends mercy to those in need. Give your church courage, compassion, faithfulness and boldness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You know all our anxieties and fears. Grant to those troubled in mind and spirit the strength to cast every care on You. According to Your will, give them quietness of heart and a firm trust in the mercy You have shown us in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Place the lonely in the family of Your Holy Church, O Lord, that they may find peace in Christ and fulfillment in loving service to their neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make the leaders of our nation to walk in the way of justice and truth, that they may use the power vested in them to protect the weak and innocent. Be especially with our leaders in this state and around Australia as they continue to make decisions related to COVID-19. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the face of natural disasters, wars, famines and troubles of all kinds, fill our hearts with repentance and humility, that in every circumstance we may trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with favor on all who are in need. Fill the hungry with good things. Give the poor and unemployed gainful employment. Heal the sick, *especially David Hermann, Laryssa Anker, Jill McGregor and Darrin Kohrt.* Comfort those who mourn, *especially the families of Wilma Hardy and Betty Leske,* and watch over all who travel. Be near the dying. Give courage to those who suffer oppression and want. Defend all orphans and widows, and protect the weak, the unborn and the aged. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give true repentance and faith to all who would receive Christ's body and blood this day, that we may not eat and drink unto judgment, but to salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**