

Prayer of the Church, All Saints' Day (Observed), 7 November 2021

Almighty God, we thank you for all the saints who have gone before us: for the grace they have received, and for their example to us in the life of faith. We thank you for the examples of Christian people who were peacemaking and merciful, and for those who especially have hungered and thirsted for your righteousness. By your grace and Spirit lead us to imitate their example in our lives, and sustain us in faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless your Church on earth, and raise up ever new servants of the Word, and strengthen and sustain those whom You have sent, that the good news of sin's forgiveness and death's defeat may bring everlasting joy to Your elect. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who are nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption, to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to Your people who pass through difficult and trying times, especially *Laryssa Anker, David Hermann, Jill McGregor*, and others we name to you... Give them relief according to Your will and strength to meet the challenges ahead. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord we weep with those who weep, but we also rejoice with those who rejoice. So today we thank and praise you for the 50th wedding anniversary of Carolyn and John Schulz, and the 80th birthday of Ros Schulz. Please give these people great joy on these occasions, and bless and keep them for years to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**