

Prayer of the Church - Sunday October 24, 2021 – Proper 25B

Gracious Father – praise be to your blessed name for your mercy and kindness to us. You have come to us, full of grace and truth. Before the foundation of the world you chose as your own, to be holy and blameless in your sight. You predestined us to be adopted as your children through Jesus Christ. This was your pleasure and will, and we in turn thank and praise you.

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

Bless your church, that she may shine with your Son's light in this world. Revive and refresh us by your Holy Spirit so that we can confess your name before others, pray fervently for our neighbour, and demonstrate your love through good works. Be with all pastors and church workers, so that they can speak your word in truth and power and care for the flock entrusted to them. Be with our Bishop *John Henderson*, Bishop-elect *Paul Smith*, and our District Bishop *David Altus*. Guide, protect them, and help them to work together in your name.

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

Bless all the people of this land, and all who lead our nation's affairs, in particular our Prime Minister, our Premiers, our elected politicians, and our leaders in business and society. Give them a love of truth and justice. Help all citizens to serve their neighbour through their vocation. Help those who are unemployed or whose work is difficult or dangerous or stressful. Strengthen all families and the bond of marriage. Give all children and young people a renewed respect for their parents, and guide all parents in raising their children.

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

Continue to curb evil and bring oppression to an end. Show mercy and give relief to those who have experienced natural disaster. Help them to rebuild in the wake of the destruction and comfort them with the consolation of your Word. We also pray for the modern state of Israel, and all who live in Palestine. You came to what was your own, but your own people did not receive you. Turn the hearts of the Jewish people to your Son, their Messiah, and help all Gentiles to bear witness to you in love. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray especially today for (*names*), and for those now name silently to you...

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

Loving Father, when blind Bartimaeus cried out to your Son his prayer was answered and he was healed. Hear our prayer this day and bless all those we have prayed for, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**