

Prayer of the Church, Sunday 27 June, 2021 Year B

Eternal Father, you are strong to save. Give us faith to cling to your dear Son in every danger that threatens to undo us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Still the storms of division, heresy, and ambition among your people. Make your Church an ark of safety against floodwaters of sin and suffering. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Like Job, your persecuted servants long to know their suffering has meaning, their faithfulness is precious, and their Redeemer lives. Deliver them from evil. Reveal your mighty arm and never-failing love. And cause their tormentors to repent and believe in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Speak your word of peace among the people of this congregation. Keep us steadfast in faith, fervent in worship, and persistent in prayer. Make us tireless in loving service to all are overwhelmed by waves of suffering, sorrow, or shame. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Please give wisdom and righteousness to our earthly leaders, especially those elected or appointed to guide this country, state, and community. Teach them to prize integrity over re-election; justice for all over special interests; and attentiveness to your will over expediency. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the gift of the rain that has refreshed our land. In this time of coolness and hidden growth, give us eye to see the beauty of all you have made, and give us wisdom to live in harmony with your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are overwhelmed by waves of suffering and sorrow; who have been shipwrecked by abuse, abandonment, or injustice; who have been cast adrift in pathless seas of confusion, delusion, or doubt; and who cry out, fearing that you neither hear nor care that they are perishing. Extend your mighty hand and outstretched arm and deliver them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this time of silence we bring to you our own needs, and the needs of those close to us... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for delivering all who die trusting in you. Give us ears to hear Jesus' words, "Peace; be still" when all we hear are the wind and waves of turmoil and fear. By his merits, bring us into your Kingdom, where with you and with all whom you have redeemed, we may dwell in joyful and blessed peace forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, and whatever else we need on the journey to our heavenly home we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**