

General Prayer

19th Sunday of Trinity

O Lord God, heavenly Father, You who are ever with us, never leaving or forsaking us,

We praise and glorify You for the infinite mercy which You have shown us in the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, who came to remove our sins by sacrificing Himself on the cross. We thank You, dear Father, for showing Your eternal love to us in this way, delivering us from the power of sin and death, and opening the gate of heaven for us.

We confess that we are unworthy of Your love, since we have disobeyed Your will and Word more than we can know. Turn us, O Lord, from our evil way and create in us such faith that we may put our complete confidence only in the merit of Christ. Pardon our sins, we pray, and through Christ's Word of forgiveness cast all our iniquity into the depths of the sea.

Fill Your believers with Your Holy Spirit so that we may have power, knowledge, and wisdom that are above all human ingenuity and intellect. Give our ministers, teachers, and missionaries faithful hearts, courage, and zeal for Your Word, so that more and more people may be built up in faith and love, and finally enter Your glory in eternity.

We pray for our beloved country. Give us civil servants who are worthy of honor, and leaders in business and labor who are unselfish and far-sighted, and who are guided by the public good and respect for their fellow citizens.

Lavish Your grace upon all our homes, O Lord, that in each one there will be examples of Christian love and character that will build up the faith of all who live there, and provide a foretaste of the joy and blessedness of our heavenly home.

We plead for Your tender care of all who are in sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering. Teach them to turn to You and wait patiently for Your mercy. Grant unto them hope and joyful deliverance from all their trials, and let them walk in the light of Your Word all their days.

These things we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Refuge and hope, Amen.