

General Prayer

20th Sunday of Trinity

Almighty God, heavenly Father, who makes all things work together for good for them that love You, we give thanks to You for all things, in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ. We thank You for Your mercy in times of health, prosperity, and peace, and for Your fatherly correction in times of adversity and trouble, and for Your goodness in the love of family and the companionship of friends, and for Your strengthening help when we are tempted. But we especially thank You for the gift of Your dear Son, by whose death and resurrection You have brought us unto Yourself, and strengthened us to do what is pleasing in Your sight.

Grant, O Father, that we may be filled with Your Holy Spirit, so that we may have understanding of your Word, and power to live faithfully in it in obedience and love. Enlighten our minds, so that we may take hold of every opportunity to do good to others, and to occupy our minds and hands with useful work. Transform our sinful hearts that we may find joy in the worship of You, and in the fellowship of Your people.

Furnish Your church, O Lord, with faith so that, with robes washed in the blood of the Lamb, we may be dressed as a bride for the heavenly bridegroom, Jesus Christ. Grant to us readiness to sacrifice, zeal for Your cause, and faithfulness to Your Word, that we may never falter in our holy calling. Give repentance to Your people, and clothe us with the garments of faith, hope, and love. Send Your servants to all nations, opening the hearts of all who hear Your Gospel, and crown their work with success.

O Lord over all, we ask Your blessing on our own land. Revive among the people of our nation a high regard for honor, truth, purity, true religion, and the works of faith. And give to our leaders sound judgment, so that they may govern our land in wisdom, and preserve us from those who would destroy the freedoms which You have so graciously given us. Teach our families to call on You for every need, and provide them in due time with all that they need for body and soul.

Grant to all who are in sickness or sorrow, trouble or danger an increase of faith and love. Keep them by Your mighty hand, and relieve them from all their troubles. These things we ask, O God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.