General Prayer

25th Sunday after Trinity

O God, heavenly Father, our Rock and Fortress, our Joy and Salvation, in Jesus' Name we give You thanks and praise.

We thank You that You have called us to faith by Your holy Spirit, and that You have made us citizens of Christ's eternal kingdom. Graciously preserve us in this faith. Bring forth in us the fruits of righteousness by moving us to live our lives in Your service. Work in us through Your Word so that everything that we do and say will be worthy of Your Gospel. Give us willingness, diligence, and obedience so that others may come to know You as Lord and Savior.

We pray, O God, that we may always remember that the Church is made up of all who trust alone in You for forgiveness, that Your Church is the body of Christ, and that He is its only head. Help us, then, in whatever trials or trouble we may face to always be loyal to Him, steadfast in faith, and trusting in His Word above all things.

Be with us, O God, in all that we do; in our daily work, strengthen and counsel us; in our leisure, defend us; in our homes, shelter us; in our distress, shield us; in our sorrows, comfort us. May we run the race that is set before us with faith and courage so that we may obtain the crown of life.

Stretch forth Your hand over the nations of the earth, dear Lord. Rebuke the vain and proud, free those who are enslaved, defend those who are persecuted for Christ, and bless those who uphold the truth of Your Word, so that all may know that You alone are God, with none beside You. Preserve our own country from the corruption of the wicked, that we may not come under Your judgment. Breath Your Spirit upon our land that statesmen may be honorable, business and labor leaders unselfish, scientists and educators God-fearing, and Christian leaders may be true in declaring Your Word.

We ask You to look in mercy, O God, upon all the sick and any who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Be with them, and heal them according to Your love, Your gracious good will, and their need. All these things we pray in the Name which is above every name, Jesus Christ, Amen.