General Prayer

Last Sunday of Church Year

O God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to Your own purpose and grace in Christ Jesus:

We thank You for Your great mercy toward us, especially for the gift of Your son, through whose suffering and death you have abolished the power of sin and Satan, and through whose resurrection You have brought light and immortality to light.

Grant that by Your grace we may ever continue in the things we have learned through Your Holy Word. Daily strengthen our faith in the Lord Jesus, so that on the day of His coming we may receive the crown of righteousness which He has promised to us, and to all who look forward to His appearing.

Dear Lord, deliver us from every evil work, from all ungodliness, and from worldly lusts. Subdue in us pride and disobedience, idleness, foolishness, and selfishness. Instead, by Your Spirit inspire us to live Christian lives that reflect the love that You have shown to us in Christ. Make us ready at all times to welcome the great Day of our Savior's return, so that with joy we will lift up our heads when our redemption draws nigh.

Give strength to Your Church, O Lord, so that with devotion to Your Word we may fight the good fight of faith. Raise up faithful ministers and leaders to serve in Your kingdom, who will serve in sincerity and truth according to Your Word. Call forth messengers who will endure hardship as good soldiers in carrying Your Gospel to all lands.

Preserve us all in steadfast faith, looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His coming will show Himself openly as the blessed and only Savior, the King of kings, and Lord of lords. These things we ask in His name, Amen.