

Prayer of the Church – Lent 2C

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for fulfilling your promise to Abraham by sending your Son to be the world's Saviour. Bless all people with saving faith in him. Bring the Jewish people to look to him as their Messiah, and help your people be patient as we struggle to follow his way of the cross. *Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer*

Have mercy on all whose destiny is destruction, whose God is their stomach, and whose glory is their shame. Bless the world by rescuing it from the confusion and suffering that comes with rebellion and false belief. *Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer*

Thank you for your word of truth which goes out into the world. Bless all people with faith in you as the living and loving God, the maker of heaven and earth. Forgive those who proclaim a world without you, turn them away from unbelief, and let them see your loving heart in Jesus Christ. *Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer*

Thank you for those who take your word into the world - Christian missionaries, pastors, teachers, lay workers, parents, and caring friends. Bless all people with a rich supply of your word, and provide it where it is missing. Protect those who are attacked for proclaiming Christ or for bearing his name, and have mercy on the enemies of your church, that they would turn and be saved. *Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer*

Thank you for the world that you have made and filled with every good thing. Bless all people with the goodness of the earth. Direct scientists into clear and true thinking, and bless the world with proper use of their discoveries. Please also give your peace to our world, and especially to Russia and Ukraine, and hold back the forces of death and chaos and destruction. *Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer*

Father, we give thanks to you with Ron Butler as he celebrates his 70th birthday. Please continue to bless him with the gift of faith in Christ Jesus, so that he may live life with joy and to your glory. *Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer*

Have mercy on all who suffer, including those among us. Supply the needs of all those we know to be in want including Ruth Walter, Marilyn Doutsakis, David Hermann, Valerie Naguib, and those and whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)* *Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer*

Father, you justified Abraham because he believed your promise. Grant that all may believe in your Son, Jesus Christ, so that they may not come into judgment, but receive life, forgiveness, and salvation, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**