

## **Prayer of the Church, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, 12 July 2020**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for all your goodness and grace. Thank you especially for sowing your word in our hearts. In your grace, help this word to grow and produce fruit that will nourish our neighbour and glorify you. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Assist your holy church throughout the world to sow the good news lavishly to all people. Bless pastors, teachers, and all Christians to speak the word in their vocations. We pray for Lutheran Media Ministry, that their work of proclaiming the Good News about your Son through modern technology will be met with open ears and hearts. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Bless and prosper our land with all that is good and true. We give you thanks for giving us our daily bread by means of all who work the land. Bless farmers, orchardists, viticulturists, market gardeners and all who till the soil, that they may see their work as service to their neighbour. In your mercy provide them with favourable weather conditions so that they may have a plentiful harvest. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Give to all our leaders wisdom and honesty. Move the wealthy and powerful to contribute generously to the betterment of our society. Help all citizens to work for the common good and provide help for all who are needy. Bring refugees to a place they can call home. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Graciously help and heal all whom we know are sick in mind, body and spirit – and in particular we commend to you those we name in our hearts. Assure them of your love for them in Christ, and help them to glorify your name in sickness and in health. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the gift of your word. Let your word take root in our hearts. We ask you to listen in mercy to the prayers of your people; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**