

Prayer of the Church – *June 13, 2021*

Heavenly Father, we pray for your church. We ask that you would make it grow like seeds in the ground and bring a rich harvest. We pray for the pastors and teachers of our church and all others who are called to sow your seed. Give them strength, honesty and diligence in their work. Help us to trust that you are always the one who brings the growth.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that the church would hear and proclaim Christ's teachings about the kingdom of God. Open people's ears and hearts so that they may hear and believe the truth of God's kingdom. Be especially with contacts of ours here at Bethlehem who do not yet know you, and give them the gift of faith.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Please bless the work of Australian Lutheran College, LCA International Mission, Lutheran Media Ministry, Grow Ministries, and others groups within our Synod, as they seek to sow the seeds of your word so that your kingdom would grow.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the work of farmers everywhere. Watch over this year's crops and send rain and sunshine as required. We pray especially for people in areas where there is drought. Give them comfort and strength as their watch continues.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Help all Christians to live their lives in faith and confidence, ruled by the love of Christ in their daily vocations. Open our eyes to see to see how you are faithfully at work, even when we least expect it.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort everyone in need and despair with the love of Christ, who died for all. We pray especially for all those who are sick, recovering or grieving in our community, especially Christine Leonard, Merv Adam, and others we name silently to you...

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we ask you to give us all these things and whatever else we need on the journey to our heavenly home, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.