

Prayer of the Church - *Sunday 15th November, 2020, Year A*

Our peace and security is with God. Let us pray that he would give his church, and all people, the true satisfaction of our needs and desires.

Gracious and loving God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: you give to every person their years, days, and hours upon this earth. We thank and praise you for the time you have given us, and we pray that you would teach us to use our time in this life wisely. By your Holy Spirit, make us aware of the end of all things when you will come to be our judge. Stir us up to lead holy lives, and to trust completely in your infinite mercy in Christ.

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

We pray for your holy and universal church, that all your people would use the talents which you have given, and through them offer you good and faithful service. We thank you for the graduate pastors awaiting assignment in the LCA, and pray that you would give them patience and trust at this time. We give you thanks for those involved in spreading your word through the printed media. Bless our church with godly and helpful resources, and enable our congregations to choose wisely the materials they use for teaching and ministry.

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

As you teach us to use our talents to your glory, so bless our nation that it may use the gifts and produce of this land wisely and justly. Help our nation to care for the environment, that resources may be conserved and fairly distributed, and that damage done may be healed. We pray for the just operation of banks and other financial institutions, for agriculture, fishing, and forestry. Give to our government wisdom, good judgement, and a willingness to listen carefully to the concerns of the people of this nation.

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

Have mercy on those who continue to suffer illness and hardship. We commend to you Laryssa Anker, Rob Eckermann, Amy Harrison, Todd Harrison, Val Kriewaldt, Marilyn Lindholm, Anthony Noll, Janice Steinborner, Pastor John Wilksch. Make them ever aware of your loving presence with them and comfort them with your Holy Spirit, that in their distress they may accept your fatherly will and rejoice in your saving help.

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

Father, hear the prayers we offer to you, and sustain us in faith until you finally receive us with the words, 'Well done, good and faithful servants'. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.