

Prayer of the Church, September 20, 2020

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your goodness, and especially for the gift of your dear Son, through whom you have revealed your will and grace. Plant your word in us, and help us to keep it in our hearts so that we bear much fruit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect and strengthen your church, so that your word and sacraments may nurture faith in you and love to all people. Be with all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world. Bless the seminaries and schools of the church, so that they may send out people to serve you by proclaiming your word, helping others, and doing your will in their daily lives. Let the light of your word continue to shine in our homes. Keep the children of the church in the grace of their baptism, and help all who care for them to bring them up to trust and obey you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all those in government and positions of authority. Direct our Queen and her advisers, and guide the parliaments of our commonwealth and state. Help them to govern wisely and justly, so that people may be restrained from wrongdoing and encouraged to live good lives. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place in your care all who are in trouble. Remember those in need, those who are sick, and especially those who suffer because they bear your name. Comfort them with your Holy Spirit, so that in their distress they may accept your fatherly will and rejoice in your saving help. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let your blessing rest on agriculture, commerce, and industry. Bless our arts and culture, our rest and leisure. Protect those who travel, and those whose work is difficult or dangerous. Support all who strive to do your will in their daily vocation, and assure them that you are pleased with their work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for your many blessings to Ross Christiansen and please bless him on his 85th birthday. We commend to you those we know to be in need: *Marie Adam, Rob Eckermann, Mike Hassold, Katherine Rembowski*, and others we name silently to you... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect us from all physical harm and spiritual danger. Support us in our last hour with your mercy, and finally take us into your eternal joy, to love and serve you with your saints and angels forever. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**