

## Prayer of the Church 19 September 2021

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord of hosts, You oppose the proud and give grace to the humble. Help us by Your Spirit to submit ourselves to You and resist the devil, that he would flee from us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, give our Synod's leaders and all pastors the wisdom that comes down from above, that they may be peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. Let them sow in peace, and grant a harvest of righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, pacify our passions by Your Spirit, that we may not be ruled by the jealousy and selfish ambition that give rise to disorder and every vile practice. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, uphold this world in Your order. Preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith. Give health and wisdom to all who serve in public office, that their authority may be exercised for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, look with kindness on the sick and those in any need, especially Jill McGregor, Kathy Thompson, David Hermann, and those we name before you in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*At 11 am: Lord of hosts, give us faith to draw near to Your altar in repentance, that we may receive Your Son with cleansed hands and purified hearts, as He draws near to us in His body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

O Lord of hosts, grant that the things we ask from You may not be squandered on our pleasures, but sought rightly in faith, that we may receive them and put them to service for You and our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**