

Prayer of the Church - *Sunday 22 November, 2020* - Year A

Almighty God and King, we praise you for the coming of your Son to earth. We thank you that the first time he came in humility and lowliness as our Saviour; now we look forward to his return in power and glory as our merciful judge. Bless your holy church throughout the world, that she may be watchful and ready for your Son's return. Bless her with pure doctrine and a godly life, that she may be kept from all error and inherit your glorious promises. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

You watch over the nations of the earth, and have assigned all people their place to live. Ease the burdens of those who live in strife torn lands. Give all leaders a spirit of justice and wisdom and bless the labor of all who work for peace and harmony.

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

You feed the hungry and take care of the orphan and widow. Be with the poor, the homeless, the friendless, the sick, and the prisoner. Use us to bring your blessing to those in need. Help us to serve and love you through our service to our Christian brothers and sisters. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the opportunity to learn. Be with all who are finishing off studies for this year, and help all who mark exams and papers in the coming weeks. Give all people in our land a love of truth and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Father, your church awaits the day when the Son of Man will come in his glory, and the angels with him, and he will sit on his royal throne. Until that day, when we will be received as your blessed people, keep us safe in your care. Make us merciful, serving your Son now as he comes to us in those in need. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**