

Prayer of the Church- Sunday 29th August, 2021

The Lord knows how we should live. So let's pray to God, knowing that in and through Jesus Christ we can take all that's on our hearts to God our Father and he will hear us.

Loving Father: thank you for responding to our desperate guilt with your saving grace in Christ. And thank you for revealing this to us by your law and gospel. Open our minds to properly distinguish law and gospel, and by your Spirit bring us and all your people to rejoice in both.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Lord, you teach us what we should do and how we should live to please you. And you show us the complete corruption of our hearts. Forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake, and put a new a right Spirit within us so that we gladly do what you ask.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Father, you have commanded us to teach your word to our children and grandchildren. Bless all homes, Sunday schools and other places where children are taught law and gospel, together with agencies which support them. Give your Spirit to all teachers and those who work with our youth and families. And direct our parents to form their children in the faith at home.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Have mercy on peoples and countries damaged by family disorder and breakdown. Give success to the work of government and other agencies who seek to alleviate family stress. And watch over those who are alone or at risk.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Give your healing to those who are sick in mind, body or spirit, in particular we pray for *(insert names here)*. Guide the surgeons, doctors, nurses and other medical practitioners who care for these people and help them make correct diagnoses and provide appropriate treatment. Be with all expectant mothers and keep them and their babies in good health.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Many people suffer Lord because of the sin of the world. Have mercy on us all, and meet the needs of all who are in want, including those we know personally to be in need and whom we now name silently in our hearts...(brief silence)

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Our Saviour God, hear our prayer this day, and help us all not to fall into the thinking of the world, but to be doers of the word, seeking your will in our daily lives. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.