

Prayers of the Church

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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

O Lord, from whom our help comes, You have brought us into Your Holy Christian Church and made Christ our shield from every enemy. Preserve us in such faith until at last You bring us out of this world in the resurrection forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, You have shown to Your Church the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sakes became poor that by His poverty we might become rich. Give us generous hearts, that our abundance may supply our fellow saints in their need. Let our preachers serve for the sake of Christ's call, not for earthly gain; and let those who have received excellence in faith, speech, knowledge and every other gift of God's Word provide richly for the preaching of the Gospel and the work of the Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Oh God, you know all too well the conflicts, battles and wars that are raging today. We would ask you to be with our world leaders, inspire them to find lasting answers for peace in the world today. Until that time that we have lasting peace throughout the land we would ask you to be with our men and women in our armed forces, protect them from all harm. Lord we know that you have said that vengeance is yours, and that you will repay. Lord we would ask you to use us as your instrument to bring peace throughout the world, until that time that we beat our swords into plowshares. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, Your compassion does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, but Your mercies are new every morning. Bestow Your steadfast love on every Christian home. Turn parents in kindness to their children; make children ready in obedience and love toward their parents and each other. Let the young learn discipline and trust in You, and let fathers not exasperate their children, but be devoted to the fear and instruction of the Lord as examples to them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You did not turn aside the bold request of Jairus nor the timid faith of the woman. We implore You, hear our prayers for those in need. Drive away our fears and give us believing faith. Give healing and strength to the sick and suffering. Give comfort to those who mourn in the knowledge that Christ has destroyed death and all who die in Him are only sleeping until You awaken them at the Last Day. We pray especially for Messiah members Beth Martin, Carol Watkins, Dick Miller, Gordon Ebright, Karen Fox, Marion Bowman; and our friends Barry, Bill & Janet, Brian & Cindy, Carol, Charlie, Colleen, Dan, Daniel, Doug, Harry, Kristin, Matthew, Pastor Mike, Peter, Robert, Roberta, Ruth, Scott, Pastor Ted, and those we name silently or out loud before you now (*pause for 30 seconds*) Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son used His divine powers as a man on earth to heal and save. We thank You that He continues to use His divine powers as a man, bodily present in the Holy Sacrament, to deliver His healing and saving power to faith. Grant that we may worthily seek this medicine of immortality in the Lord's Supper, believing His promises and receiving them now and in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Precious Savior, sanctify our lives today. Make us holy and wholly yours. Bless the leaders of our church including Brenda and our Congregation Council. Be with those who lead the NALC: Bishop Dan, General Secretary Amy, our area assistant to the bishop Bill, and our Central Mission District dean Rodney, and our brothers and sisters in Christ, including the congregation and ministries of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in State College, Pennsylvania. Raise up faithful leaders for the future of our church and the nation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.