

Dear people of God,
God sent Jesus into the world,
not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved,
that all who believe in him
might be delivered from the power of sin and death
and become heirs with him of eternal life. Let us join our hearts
in prayer for the world.

Eternal God,
We pray for the one holy catholic
and apostolic church of Christ throughout the world:
for its unity in witness and service,
for all church leaders and ministers
and the people whom they serve,
for all the people of this presbytery,
for all Christians in this community,
that you will confirm the church in faith,
increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

Sovereign Lord of the world,
We pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them:
for Barack Obama, the President of the United States,
and the Congress and Supreme Court,
and for all who serve the common good.
Kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace,
and guide with your wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth,
that justice and peace may increase,
until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

God of grace and compassion,
we pray for all who suffer
and are afflicted in body or in mind:
for the hungry and homeless,
the destitute and the oppressed,
and all who suffer persecution, doubt, and despair,
for the sorrowful and bereaved,
for prisoners and captives

and those in mortal danger;
comfort and relieve them, we pray,
and grant them the knowledge of your steadfast love,
and stir up in us the will and patience
to minister to their needs,
for the sake of him who suffered for us,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

Merciful God,
we pray for all who have not received the gospel of Christ:
for all who have not heard the words of salvation,
for all who have lost their faith,
for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ,
for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed,
for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ,
and persecutors of his disciples,
for all who in the name of Christ have persecuted others.
Let your gospel be preached with grace and power.
Turn the hearts of those who resist it,
and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray;
that there may be one flock under one shepherd,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

And now we commit ourselves to you, O God,
and pray for the grace of a holy life,
that we may be counted worthy
to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord,
and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.
Eternal God of unchanging power and light,
look with mercy on your whole church.
Bring to completion your saving work,
so that the whole world may see the fallen lifted up,
the old made new, and all things brought to perfection
by him through whom all things were made,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.