

## The General Prayer

Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give you thanks for all your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of your dear Son, and for the revelation of your will and grace; and we ask you to implant your Word in us so that, in good and honest hearts, we may keep it, and bring forth fruit by patience and persistence in good works.

Most heartily we ask you to rule and govern your Church universal, with all its pastors and ministers, that it may be preserved in the pure doctrine of your saving word, by which faith toward you may be strengthened, and charity increased in us toward all mankind.

Grant also health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to President NAME and the Congress of the United States, to Governor NAME and the Legislature of this state, and to all our Judges and Magistrates. Endue them with grace to rule after your good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

May it please you also to turn the hearts of our enemies and adversaries, that they may cease their enmity, and be inclined to walk with us in meekness and in peace.

To all who are in trouble, need, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity, especially those who are in suffering for your Name and for your truth's sake, grant comfort, O God, with your Holy Spirit and your infinite mercy. Grant also that they may receive and acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of your fatherly will.

And although we have deserved your righteous wrath and manifold punishments, yet, we beg of you, O most merciful Father, to not remember the sins of our youth, nor our many transgressions; but out of your unspeakable goodness, grace and mercy, defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul. Preserve us from false and deceptive doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of your mercy, and from an evil death. And in every time of trouble, show yourself a very present Help, the Savior of all men, and especially of them that believe.

Cause also the needful fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to the Christian training of the young, to all lawful occupations on land and sea, and to all pure arts and useful knowledge; and crown them with your blessing.

*Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.*

These, and whatsoever other things you would have us ask of you, O God, grant unto us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord and Savior, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

*Then shall the Minister, and the Congregation with him, say  
The Lord's Prayer.*