

General Prayer

17th Sunday of Trinity

O God the Father, You are the loving Creator of all things in heaven and earth. You are over all, supreme and almighty in Your sustaining power; we bow in prayer before You and offer to You our praise and prayers.

Daily impart to us, for the sake of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, pardon for all our sins and confidence in His redeeming grace. By Your power rescue us from every temptation of the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh. Protect us from all danger to our souls.

Since we are powerless, by our own reason or strength, to live worthy of our calling in Christ, pour out upon us Your Holy Spirit, that we grow in those virtues which are pleasing in Your sight. Instead of our stubbornness and self-will, give us submission to Your will; instead of our pride and conceit, give us lowliness of mind and a willingness to serve; instead of our grumbling and complaining, give us a spirit of gratitude and contentment; instead of our resentment and anger, give us patience. Help us, by Your grace, to bear with each other's faults and weaknesses, to serve one another in love and kindness, and to bless those who may seek to harm us.

Look in mercy on Your Church, O God, and grant that we may keep in peace and love the unity which You give. Give to us an abiding sense of our oneness in faith in Christ, in repentance for sin, in knowledge of Bible teaching, and in obedience to all of Your revealed will.

Bless our nation, that throughout our land people may worship and serve You in spirit and truth.

Be the Guardian of all our families, dear Lord, Enable all parents to give their children a godly example, loving discipline, and wise spiritual counsel. May the words we use in our homes be such that build up each family member in faith and trust toward You.

O God, work Your healing power for the blessing of all those who are sick and afflicted. Hear their cry and remember them in Your mercy, lifting them up by the power of Your Spirit. Show Yourself to them as a very present help in trouble. Increase their trust in You, through the love of Your son Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray, Amen.