

General Prayer

18th Sunday of Trinity

O Lord God, You who are ever faithful, and have not failed to keep even one of Your precious promises:

We thank You for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ Your Son, and for all the promised gifts that we have received through Him -- especially that in Him we have been granted cleansing pardon for all our sins. Help us that we may firmly believe and trust in Christ alone, and that in all thought, speech, and action Your Spirit will guide us.

Preserve Your Church, dear God, from false or faithless teachers. Keep us obedient and true to all that You have made known to us in the Holy Scriptures. Grant unto us the fullness of Your Holy Spirit in the Word, so that in fellowship with Jesus Christ we may proclaim Your truth with living power, preach the Gospel of Christ crucified in all the world, and be of service in love and mercy to the needs of people everywhere.

O Lord, support our own land in righteousness and overthrow all wickedness. And since there is no lasting strength in worldly things, keep from us the decay of materialism and moral corruption, and raise up people of courage and conscience to warn and guide us. Protect us against every peril, and give us Your blessing.

Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in You, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity shall be able to overcome us, or rob us of the conviction that You are our merciful Helper in time of need.

All these things we pray in the Name of Him who is Your only-begotten Son, and our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.