General Prayer

Reformation Sunday

Lord God of hosts, through Your Holy Spirit You have called your people by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and have gathered them into the fellowship of Your Name. Accept our humble and earnest thanks for Your continual watchfulness over Your Church. Defend her from the assaults of our ancient enemy, the devil, and from all the enemies of Your Word and will. Deliver her from the error of false prophets and from the corruption of evil shepherds. Rescue her during times of persecution, peril, and oppression.

Lord of our life, we praise You especially on this Reformation Day. When Your Church was held in chains by the words and works of men, and her light had fallen low, You revived her by raising up mighty men of faith to lead Your people back to the true teachings of the Holy Scriptures. Our heartfelt thanks to You that You have preserved for us the true teaching of salvation as a free gift of Your grace, apart from the works the Law. We give You our praise for the sure and certain witness of the divinely inspired Word of the Bible, a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, which is the only true source of Your divine teaching. Grant to us, O God of our salvation, that being justified freely by grace, we may always trust in Your loving-kindness, putting our full confidence in Your full forgiveness for all of our sins in Christ. Move us now to live in the Spirit, so that we show forth all godliness, faith, love, and hope.

Lord of the living harvest, send forth laborers into Your harvest field to proclaim Your Word to the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe whatsoever You have commanded. Save Your Church from false teaching, and from harmful divisions. Give to all believers vision, faithfulness, and zeal, that we may fulfill Your will for our lives and serve as Your ambassadors for the advancement of Your kingdom.

God of all comfort, we commend to Your loving care our homes and families. Where there is sin, create clean hearts. Where there is grief and sorrow, grant the consolation of Your love. Where there is trouble, bring healing. Where there is temptation and trial, impart a love of righteousness and godly trust. Where there is fear, give the courage of Your presence, and where there is pain, impart strength and wholeness. Be for us our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble.

Eternal Father, strong to save, pour out Your Spirit upon us, that we may believe with our whole heart in Your beloved Son, trust in Him fully, live for Him faithfully, and finally be received into Your eternal presence to live forever with You and all Your people forever. This we pray in the Name of our Lord Jesus, Amen.