General Prayer

24th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord our God, the Rock of our salvation and the Fountain of all truth, You give food to the hungry and You give justice to those who are oppressed. You open the eyes of the blind and lift up those who are bowed down. We give thanks to You that You have delivered us from the power of darkness and redeemed us with the blood of Christ. We praise You for His resurrection from the dead in glory, for in His life You have given us the promise of an eternal inheritance with all Your people in the heavenly places.

Grant unto us, as we come to You in faith and prayer, the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit, so that by His gracious power we may escape the corruption of this world. Having been redeemed by Christ, may we always bring forth the fruit of true goodness in our lives. Through Your Word lead us to grow in the knowledge of You, and in the grace of our Lord Jesus, so that our lives will reflect His love in every way.

Stir up Your Church, O Lord, to remember Your everlasting mercy and Your abiding presence. Cleanse, strengthen, and govern this congregation, that we may be Your holy people and a light that shines in the darkness. Give strength and godly wisdom to the shepherds of Your flock, so that, by obedience and love, they will be men of God. Put Your Word into their mouths so that truth may prevail and righteousness may grow among us. Look in compassion upon our world, and let Your Gospel come as the breath of life to all nations, that they may turn from evil ways, repent of all sin, and turn to You for forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Bless our own land, that we may mend our ways, obey Your voice, and be preserved by Your power from all our enemies. Give to the leaders of our land wisdom and courage. Move them to execute justice, protect all that is good, and punish all that is evil, so that we may serve You in peace and safety.

Bless our homes and protect them from all strife and friction. Grant that our children may know and love Him who came to give them abundant life. Give our parents grace to lead their children to the feet of the Lord Jesus by their example. We ask, O Lord, for Your mercy upon all those who are sick, sorrowing, or suffering. Support them in their trials and deliver them by Your goodness. Give them wholeness and healing, and let them ever trust in the comfort of Your fatherly care.

And, since the day of our Lord's coming will come as a thief in the night, give us a spirit of watchfulness and prayer, guided by Your truth, so that we will be preserved for Your kingdom at the blessed coming Jesus, our Savior, in whose name we pray, Amen.