

Prayer of the Church
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28A)
15 November 2020

Almighty God, everlasting Father, You are worthy of being praised for all Your gifts and graces, which You have given to us, Your unworthy people. Hear us this day as we cry to You for mercy toward all people as they have need.

You have made us Your people and preserved us through the ministry of Your Word and Sacraments. Continue to pour out upon us grace upon grace, that we may be kept in faith and guarded in hope. Make Your Church throughout the world one in doctrine, confession and life, and give to Your Church faithful pastors who will preach and teach Your Word with conviction. Deliver us from confusion and error by the power of Your Holy Spirit, and raise up those who will continue to serve in faithfulness and humility. Deliver all enemies of Your Church and convert their hearts to repentance and faith. Strengthen all Christians in their faith and in their vocation of service as Your children, that we may be obedient to Your Word and receive the salvation of our souls.

Deliver the nations from oppression and ungodly rulers and governments. Bless all in authority within our own nation, that righteousness may flourish and injustice end. Bless all those places where Your people teach and learn, that our children may honor You, walk in Your commands, and show forth in their lives the fruits of the Spirit.

Prevent all disaster and calamity, deliver us from war and violence, and protect us from pestilence, especially Lord, looked with Your gracious attention on our city of Winnipeg, and our province of Manitoba. We need You to act now, and hold our need before You. Humble all us, and turn us to seek You. Help us also to know and rejoice in the good fruits of the earth, bless all noble occupations, and help the arts to flourish, that our lives may be enriched by beauty. Help us to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of the earth You supply for our common good.

Give to the sick healing, to the suffering relief, to the grieving hope and to the dying peace. Hear us especially on behalf of those who have requested our prayers [*especially _____*]. Sustain us in the day of trial, deliver us from all our enemies of body and soul, and keep us steadfast in the day of trouble.

Remembering that here we have no abiding city but heaven is our home, give us Your aid so that we may by true faith and godly life prepare for the coming of our Savior, doing the works You have called us to do and accomplishing Your purpose in our daily lives. Help us to multiply Your mercy by loving our neighbor in need and loving You with all our body, soul, strength and will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

In Our Prayers

We Pray for the family of Laura Grossman over her passing this week.

We pray for Mervin Kaminsky for strength and healing as he recovers from a stroke

We pray for Edna Swayze for strength and healing as she deals with declining health

We pray for Gianni Vincenzo Mariano (Matthes Family) for his continued healing and recovery.

We pray for Anna-Marie Olsen-Wall with new health concerns.

We pray for healing for Christine E. Lammers battling new health concerns

We pray for our Shut-ins - Elwood Kaminsky, Gerald Ziprick, Edgar Lach, Joan Popp, Henry Dickof, and Edna Swayze

We pray for all those struggling with depression, fear, chronic pain, mental illness, suicidal thoughts, and isolation

We pray for support and strength for those affected by Covid-19.

We pray for all those affected by natural disaster, war and ongoing political conflict.