

Heavenly Father, give us Your Holy Spirit, that we might know what our line, our life, is for You, and help us take up the crosses You give and follow Your Son through this troubled life into heaven. Prepare us to give up our lives, knowing that Christ has already saved them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, give the Church and all her servants grace to fulfill the ministries to which You have committed them. Grant each of us the strength to confess Christ boldly before the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, when we endure persecution or ridicule for being Your children, give us faith and perseverance. As You have promised, deliver us out of the hand of the wicked and redeem us from the grasp of the merciless. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, Abraham was only one when You called him, but You blessed and multiplied him. Protect mothers with child, and equip fathers to lead and raise their households in Your fear and love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our world is filled with nations and with their leaders. So many have fallen away from you. Give the Holy Spirit your angels to re-awaken faith and Christian living in these nations. For those whose rule includes war and terror, enable other nations who love you to overcome the evil that surrounds these nations.. Bless all who have elected to public office, at all levels, that they will listen to their people, lead with stewardship and wisdom, in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great Physician, heal and restore Charlie Walmann, Gary Grob, Don Peterson, Gary Meyer, Larry Shanley, Margo Hoffmann, Rich Sturm, Deanna Machenheimer, and Cindy Hall. Be with Melissa Van Leer for her knee surgery and Janet Woemmel, Dorothy's sister, as she undergoes hip surgery and Jan Schuenemeyer as he has cancer surgery. Bless the Stricker's and Delores Covert s they continue to be homebound. Give Jenna Voss peace. Be with the Eiring family and their friends as they remember Conrad...and all those we name now in our hearts. Give to all Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, at Your table the afflicted eat the body and blood of Your Son and are satisfied. Through our afflictions, deepen our hunger for this table, that we may eat and drink and be satisfied by Christ's saving life. Keep us in this faith all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**