

## THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

*Let us pray:* O LORD our God, You have commanded the light to shine out of darkness, and You have again brought us to Your house of prayer to praise Your goodness and ask for Your gifts. Accept now in Your endless mercy the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant us those requests which will be wholesome for us. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Heavenly Father, as You raised Your Son Jesus from the dead and brought Him to sit at Your right hand, equal with You and the Holy Spirit in majesty, so raise the vision of all humanity, the humanity sanctified by Christ's Holy Incarnation, to turn away from the futility of sin and the cares of this life and to look upward in hope to You. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, O LORD, according to the multitude of Your mercies, Your whole Church, all who join with us in prayer, all our sisters and brothers wherever they may be in Your vast kingdom who stand in need of Your help and comfort. We pray especially for Your Church wherever she suffers persecution this day, as well as for the health and recovery of Your servants *Frank, Denise, Jack & Cecilia, Tom, Doris, and Donald, as well as Sandy, Dee, Eli, Susan, Lauren, Gail, Darlene, Yana, Elsie, Hilda, Mitzi, Flora Mae, John Hunt & John Staley, Chad and Willis,* for all who have died in war, famine and plague this past week, and for all of our sons and

daughters in serving in the Armed Forces of this nation and our allies,

especially *Jeremy, Christopher, Michael and Kevin.* LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, before Whose righteous judgment we must all stand at the last, we beseech Your mercy on all the dead whom we remember, and especially on those countless soldiers and civilians whose lives have been wasted in war. And as *You* mourn their death with an everlasting love, summon the nations and us to responsibility for the present and future generations. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father of all the living, as people and nations and even factions of Your Church unite against one another, by Your Holy Spirit hold before the eyes of the world the suffering and victory of Your only Son, our Brother and Savior, and help us, in spite of ourselves, to be one as *You* are one. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pour out upon us all the riches of Your mercy, O LORD, so that we, redeemed in soul and body and steadfast in faith, may ever praise Your wonderful and Holy Name, through Jesus Christ Our LORD, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always through all ages of ages.

**Amen.**