

FOR THE CHURCH

God our Father,
by the promise you made
in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ your Son.
you bring together in your Spirit, from all the nations.
a people to be your own.
Keep the Church faithful to its mission:
may it be a leaven in the world
renewing us in Christ,
and transforming us into your family.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

God our Father,
in all the churches scattered throughout the world
you show forth the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
Through the gospel and the Eucharist
bring your people together in the Holy Spirit
and guide us in your love.
Make us a sign of your love for all people,
and help us to show forth
the living presence of Christ in the world,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE POPE

Lord, source of eternal life and truth,
give to your shepherd N. a spirit of courage
and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love.
By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to the apostle
Peter and vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity,
love, and peace for all the world.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

FOR THE BISHOP

God, eternal shepherd,
you tend your Church in many ways,
and rule us with love.

Help your chosen servant Bishop Robert W. Finn as pastor for Christ,
to watch over your flock.

Help him to be a faithful teacher,
a wise administrator,
and a holy priest.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen

FOR PRIESTS

O God, whose will it is to provide shepherds for your people,
pour out in your Church the spirit of piety and fortitude,
to make these, your servants, worthy ministers at your altar
and strong but gentle champions of your Gospel.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Father,
You have taught the ministers of your Church
not to desire that they be served but to serve their
brothers and sisters.

May they be effective in their work
and persevering in their prayer,
performing their ministry with gentleness and concern
for others.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.