**Prayer of the Church*- Proper 8B***

*Our Lord turns mourning into dancing and changes death into life, so let's pray with faith in Christ.*

Heavenly Father: thank you for sending Jesus to us, with healing and hope through his death and mighty resurrection. We cry to you in our need. Be merciful and hear our prayers for Jesus' sake.

*Lord, in your mercy:*  **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for your abundant gifts of life and health. And thank you for your fatherly discipline, to correct and train us. Build up your people's faith in sickness and in health, and keep us always looking to Christ.

*Lord, in your mercy:*  **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the superb medical care we enjoy. Continue your healing mercy through it. Give doctors, nurses and all health workers patience and skill for their task, and bring them to honour life and healing as your precious gifts.

*Lord, in your mercy:*  **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on those without adequate health care or hospitals. Remove the conditions which disrupt proper services, and turn the rich to give generously so there may be equality on earth.

*Lord, in your mercy:*  **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who lie sick and miserable; for those who suffer debilitating illness without hope of cure. And we pray for the mentally ill and for all whom society shuts away. Relieve their distress and heal them, dear Lord.

*Lord, in your mercy:*  **hear our prayer.**

Thank you that we have received the good news of Jesus’ victory over sin and death, and that we look forward to the final resurrection and life with you forever. Bring your word into every home and move people to repent of their sins and believe in Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

*Lord, in your mercy:*  **hear our prayer.**

Bless Your church and our congregation so that we may be effective in proclaiming and teaching the gospel, and so that each of us may take the compassion of Christ to those we know facing personal loss.

*Lord, in your mercy:*  **hear our prayer.**

*Other petitions may be added here*

Loving Father, for our sake Jesus became poor so that we might become rich according to your grace. Feed us again with his precious body and blood, and when our last hour comes, take us to our eternal home with you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**