**Prayer of the Church- *Proper 21, Year A***

*Since God has called us to adopt the servant attitude of Jesus Christ, let us pray for others as Jesus prayed for us.*

Thank you, Lord, for all you have given us, especially the gift of your Son. Help us to accept his authority and to trust in him. Expose our unbelief and sin, so that we may enjoy your forgiveness and healing.

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

Lord, you provide all that we need on your people's journey through this life. Please help your church take the form of a servant for the mission of your Word, so that it may go out to the whole earth. Bless the work of the Board for Mission, Finke River Mission and Lutheran Media Ministry.

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

Inspire all people in public office to be servants of the community. Guide our federal government in its foreign policy, and protect and give success to our forces serving overseas.

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

Lord, you provided water in the desert for your people, Israel. So provide food and drink, clothing and shelter to all who have been displaced from their homes for whatever reason. Ease the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, and help all those who have lost property and possessions.

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

Bring relief and comfort to all who are burdened by illness. Show your mercy to those who live with disabilities and bring them the support they need . Strengthen all whose health is failing as they age. Give them courage in their trials, and meet the needs of all those known to us in special situations and whom we now name in our hearts... *(brief silence).*

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

*Other petitions may be inserted here*

Father, we deserve nothing from you, but hear our prayer and satisfy the desires of our hearts, as we pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**