**Prayer of the Church- *Proper 6, Year A***

*We know that God in his love wants to give us more than we can ever ask for. So let us pray for all his people through faith in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.*

Heavenly Father, thank you that you have found us in our desperate need, and have gathered us into your flock, the church, treating us as a harvest to be gathered. Fill us with compassion for those who are in need, and help us give what we have received so abundantly from you.

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

Instruct us in our task as your representatives here in this community. Guide our worship so that it brings your grace and peace to all who attend, and make every activity in this congregation (parish) bear fruit for your kingdom.
*Lord, in your mercy* **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our nation's leaders - the King, his representatives, the parliaments, the prime minister and cabinet, and departments, the opposition and the whole system of government. Help us each in our personal task as your representatives in the world. Keep us close to you in prayer and study, and give us a clear understanding of the contributions we can make.

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

Bless young people journeying in the church as they grow. Give them joy in their faith and strength in their commitment to Jesus.

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

Remove hatred with your grace everywhere; alleviate all suffering, and provide for those who have been displaced by war, famine and political unrest.

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

Watch over all who are sick or suffering in any way, and meet the needs of those we know personally to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts...

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

Lord God, we put into your merciful hands all those people whom we pray for; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**