

Prayer of the Day for Harvest Festival:

Thanksgiving

Merciful God, you saturate all that is with your great mercy. We pray for your blessing upon us and our neighbors in all good works. May your earthly blessing awaken in us again and again a thirst for the eternal gifts that await us in your kingdom, where you, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

during times of catastrophe

Eternal and holy God, your ways are sometimes inscrutable to us. We pray for Your mercy and Your grace and for deliverance from calamity (of war) and for justice and peace. Do not leave us without your care and comfort. Grant that we, too, to the best of our ability, may serve those who especially need our help at this time. For this we pray to You through Jesus Christ our Savior and Deliverer.

Amen.

Petition for using during the Prayers of the People:

during times of war

For the cessation of bloodshed and the return of peace to our lands, so that hatred and cruelty do not prevail. For the preservation of faith and human dignity in the hearts of those who are forced to kill and risk their lives; for those who suffer severe hardship; for comfort to those who mourn the dead; for patience, courage, and wisdom for all of us - let us pray to the Lord:

Lord have mercy.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

used at the end of the service, just before the final blessing and sending.

Great God, Creator, and Lord of all living things, we thank you for your Word and for the Sacrament that we have heard and received today. Grant that we may gratefully receive all Your bountiful gifts, that we be patient in times of trial, and that we not resign ourselves to the evil, to the poverty, or our neighbors' suffering, but that we would instead support them in every possible way. For this we pray to you in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.