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**Priest**

On this feast of All Saints,  
we turn to the Lord,  
conscious that all goodness comes from him.  
We pray for the needs of our Church and world.

**Reader**

God of all salvation,  
you formed us in your own image,  
and called us to share in your own being.  
We, and the whole creation give to you

honour and glory, thanks and praise,  
worship and adoration.

You sent your Son, Jesus Christ,  
among us to bring us light and salvation.

We give you thanks for the victory  
he gained over the powers of darkness.

Help us to affirm life in the midst of death,  
and bring light to people everywhere.

**Lord, in your mercy:**

**R/ HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Gracious God,

look favourably upon your Church.

Grant your Church courage and wisdom  
so that it may bear witness to the Gospel  
among all nations.

Send us out to preach good news to the poor,  
to announce release to the prisoners,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.

Help us to serve one another  
in humility, simplicity and joy.

**Lord, in your mercy:**

**R/ HEAR OUR PRAYER**

God of justice and peace,

grant your peace to our hearts and to our families,

to the nations of the world and all humanity.

We pray that justice and righteousness will govern the earth.

We call upon you for all people

suffering because of injustice and war.

Break down the walls that separate us and unite us.

Grant us your peace in the midst of our everyday life

so that we have the courage to follow Christ.

**Lord, in your mercy:**

**R/ HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Living God,

we pray in thanks for the signing celebration,

that took place five years ago,

and for all those who made that achievement possible.

We give you thanks that Catholics and Lutherans confess together the truth of your Gospel: that we are accepted by you and receive your Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts, empowers us and calls us to do good works, not on the basis of our merits but only through grace and faith in the salvific work of your Son.

Let us worship you with pure and joyful hearts.

Let us reconcile what lies behind

and strain forward to what lies ahead.

Let us live and sing praise in your house forever.

**Lord, in your mercy:**

**R/ HEAR OUR PRAYER**

**Priest**

Merciful God,

into your hands we commend ourselves and pray:

Protect us from eternal death, trusting in Jesus Christ

who is the resurrection and the life.

Let your mercy enlighten our hearts.

Let us praise the unspeakable sweetness of your mercy

all the days of our life,

through Jesus Christ, who is the same

yesterday, today and forever.

**Amen.**

*Augsburg , October 31, 1999*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy church of God ,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the people and the nations of the world, especially ..., let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city (village), for every city (village) and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick, lonely, hungry, homeless or persecuted, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all who have gone before us in the faith, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord.