



All Saints, 31 October 2004

5th Anniversary of the Signing of the Catholic/Lutheran Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification

Intercessions

These Intercessions were prayed at the Signing Celebration of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification in Augsburg, on Sunday, October 31, 1999. They appear below in a slightly adapted form. You may wish to use them during the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist or the Divine Office.

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,
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.