

## PRAYERS FOR JUSTICE AND MERCY

### CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### PRAYERS

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace: and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the resolution of this lawsuit. We pray your particular blessing on your servants Alan, Henrietta, Mitchell, Foster, and Mark, who represent us in this matter, and for our legal team in Washington. Teach them in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide them to perceive what is right, and grant them both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who is seated in the throne judging right: We humbly beseech you to bless the courts of justice and the magistrates in all this land, and particularly the Supreme Court of the United States of America; and give unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone. We pray especially for Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and Neil Gorsuch, that they would view our petition with favor and grant us a hearing before the Court, and furthermore that they would vindicate our cause. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit would give them supernatural wisdom, courage, and grace in administering justice. We pray that through the might of your Spirit our freedom to worship and to possess the goodly property and heritage which you have given us by your hand might continue unfettered, so that we may continue to boldly proclaim your Word in the power of the Spirit. Bless our legal team and all others involved in pleading our case, that Truth may prevail and your Name be glorified; through him who shall come to be our Judge, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront without hatred or bitterness those who seem to persecute us, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect, guided by the Truth of your Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese of South Carolina to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless, protect, preserve, and establish our Bishop Mark and all our clergy, and the congregations committed to their charge, that they may continue the Gospel ministry to which you have called them. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family of St. Philip's Church. Forgive us for those things in which we have fallen short of the calling you have given us, and equip us that we may boldly live out the mission to which you lead us. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for the continuation of our common life in this place, that we may ever hold forth the Word of life to a desperately needy and broken world, and bring us at the last day to the joy of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*