

A prayer for the ill and those under attack



Eternal, merciful God and Father, You are the eternal salvation of the living and the eternal life of the dying. You alone hold life and death in Your hands. You preserve us in health and sickness, good and bad. We know that not a hair will fall from our head outside Your will and that You work everything for the good of believers[20].

We pray that You grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit that He may teach us a right understanding of our wretchedness and patiently bear Your admonishment we deserve ten thousand times and more. We know that it is not a sign of Your wrath, but one of fatherly love that we may not be judged with the world[21].

Grow our faith, o Lord, through Your Holy Spirit through which we are all the more grafted into Christ as members of our spiritual Head. You seek to make us one in His suffering and glory. Lighten the cross that we may bear it in our weakness.

We submit ourselves fully to your will, whether You choose that our soul remain longer in this earthly tent or to take them up into eternal life. We belong to Christ and therefore cannot be lost. We yearn to leave this flesh that is weak in the hope of resurrection from the dead when it will be returned to us in glory. Have us experience the glorious comfort of the forgiveness of sins and be made righteous in Christ that we may ward off all onslaughts of Satan with this shield. Let His innocent blood wash clean the stain and blemish of our sins. Let His righteousness intercede for our unrighteousness at the final judgement.

Arm us with faith and hope that we may not be shamed by fear of death. When our physical eyes dim, let our spiritual eyes look upon You. When You have taken from us our tongue, let our heart not stop calling on You.

O Lord, we commit our soul into Your hands. Do not leave us in our final need. We ask this for Jesus' sake alone who taught us to pray as follows:

Our Father who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.