

Prayer upon conclusion of church meetings



Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You with all our heart that it pleased You to gather for Yourself a church in this country.

We thank You that You seek to use us in Your service by granting us in Your grace the freedom to proclaim the holy Gospel and undertake all godly activities unhindered. Thank You that through Your Holy Spirit You have up to now been present in this meeting as we undertook discussions and decisions in accordance to Your will and bound our hearts in mutual peace and unity.

O faithful God and Father, we pray that in Your grace You bless these decisions and bring the work You started to powerful completion in gathering and preserving the true church in its pure doctrine, the proper administering of the holy sacraments and the diligent and careful exercise of discipline.

We pray that You destroy all evil and malevolent plans raised against Your Word and church[26]. Strengthen all the servants of the church who faithfully and steadfastly proclaim Your holy Word. Sustain and encourage the overseers and the caregivers to the poor that they may be a blessing to Your church through the faithful administering of their offices[27].

Strengthen the authorities You have placed over us that they may govern in righteousness and with reason[28]. Give that their governance may submit to the rule of the King of all kings over them and their people and that as Your servants the kingdom of the devil (a kingdom of shame and evil) may be destroyed all the more[29] that under their rule we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all piety and decency before You[30].

Hear our prayer, o God and Father, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit, the eternal and true God, must be worshipped and praised ever more. Amen.