

Intercessions Pentecost 7 July 3

Have faith in God and get yourself ready to meet him.

As God's beloved children, let us come to him and open our hearts to him.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is (pause)

Lord our God: **we believe and trust in you.**

Gracious Father, you know both our gifts as a congregation and the needs of those in this parish, and we ask you to bless our ministry in this place. Strengthen and encourage all Church leaders and deepen our faith and sure hope. (pause)

Lord our God: **we believe and trust in you.**

Father, heal our nation and all the nations of what is in the past and still corrodes the present, so that we may build on good foundations and learn to govern ourselves with honesty, respect for one another and sensitivity to needs. (pause) Lord our God: **we believe and trust in you.**

Caring God, be present in the daily living of our homes and in all our relationships; make us more trustworthy in our friendships, and strengthen our resolve to live our faith in action. (pause)

Lord our God: **we believe and trust in you.**

We call to mind all whose capacity to trust has been damaged; for those who are victims of injustice or corruption; for the very young and the very old, the frail, the vulnerable and the bereaved. (pause)

Lord our God: **we believe and trust in you.**

We remember those who have completed their earthly life in faith and have now seen you face to face. May they know the peace of eternity; we too look forward to sharing that life of joy. (pause) Lord our God: **we believe and trust in you.**

Thank you Lord our God, for the glorious hope you have set before us.

Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.