

Intercessions Pentecost 11 July 31

When we live God's way, both individually and as a community, we will be greatly blessed.

Let us do the work of prayer that God has asked of us.

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

The Lord is our helper: **we shall not be afraid.**

As the body constantly breathes, may the Church, the body of Christ, constantly pray, breathing God's life into all its members and activities. (pause)

The Lord is our helper: **we shall not be afraid.**

As a new week begins in our world, may wrong priorities be challenged and adjusted, may our societies reflect God's concern for righteousness, true justice and responsive love, and may all leaders grow in humility, attentive to the needs of those they serve. (pause) The Lord is our helper: **we shall not be afraid.**

As we call to mind our loved ones, all who depend on us, and those on whom we depend, all with whom we laugh, cry, work or play, cleanse and refresh our relationships and give us greater love, understanding and forgiveness, (pause)

The Lord is our helper: **we shall not be afraid.**

We think of those who are in prison, locked in cells or depression or dysfunctional bodies; we think of those in hospital wards and accident centres, those unable to reach medical help and those on long waiting- lists for operations; as we think of them all, we pray for them all. (pause)

The Lord is our helper: **we shall not be afraid.**

We remember the dying and those who love them; we remember those whose earthly life has come to an end, and we commend them to God's undying love.

(pause) The Lord is our helper: **we shall not be afraid.**

With love in our hearts for God our Maker and Redeemer, we choose to walk in his ways through this day and all our days. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen