

September 11 Intercessions Pentecost 17

God can always use even seemingly hopeless situations for good.

God has proclaimed his love for us. We can trust him with all our cares and concerns.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is
Have pity on us Lord; **you alone can save us.**

Heavenly Father, heal the Church of all its splits and divisions, and bless its growth toward unity; heal it of all unhealthy introspection and bless its commitment to loving outreach. (pause) Have pity on us Lord; **you alone can save us.**

May our society be mindful of those who have particular difficulties; may our laws testify to our sense of justice, honor and integrity; may the world's leaders be wisely advised and honestly motivated. (pause)
Have pity on us Lord; **you alone can save us.**

Walk about our homes with your gifts of peace, patience, forgiveness and joy; help us through the disappointments and tragedies, and celebrate with us in all our festivities, for you are our most honoured guest. (pause)
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We pray for all suffering zika and other infectious and life-threatening diseases; Give courage to the long-term and chronically ill and give respite to those who are at their wit's end. (pause) Have pity on us Lord; **you alone can save us.**

We remember those who have died, and think of their loved ones, who miss them. May this earthly death be a birth into the eternal joy of heaven. (pause)
Have pity on us Lord; **you alone can save us.**

With great thankfulness we praise you for your constant faithfulness to us, your recognition of our deepest thoughts, and your desire for our healing and wholeness.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen