

September 4 Intercessions Pentecost 15 Proper 22

God hears our distress and our crying, and feels it with us.

*Knowing that God hears our prayers, let us share our concerns with him for the Church and for the world.*

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is  
Lord, you are our hope: **you are our strength.**

We pray for all in lay and ordained ministry as they labour for the growth of your kingdom on earth; keep them strong in the faith, provide them with the energy and resources they need, and inspire them daily with your love. (pause)  
Lord, you are our hope: **you are our strength.**

We pray for all meetings, conventions and conferences, for all policy making and planning; may delicate negotiations be sensitively led, and painful decisions bravely and wisely taken. (pause)  
Lord, you are our hope: **you are our strength.**

We pray for those we have upset or angered, and those who have upset or angered us; we pray for those who worry us, and those we love but seldom manage to see. (pause) Lord, you are our hope: **you are our strength.**

We pray for those who are far from home and those for whom it is too dangerous to return home; we pray for the lonely, the unhappy, those in pain and those convalescing. (pause) Lord, you are our hope: **you are our strength.**

We remember those who have come to the end of their earthly life. remembering David Blagdon and Anne McIntosh, and those whose lives feel bleak and empty without them. We pray for mercy and peace and comfort. (pause)  
Lord, you are our hope: **you are our strength.**

Thank you, gracious God, for being there beside us through all the dark and rocky places in our lives.

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