

Intercessions Oct. 23

True richness is not material wealth; true security is not a financial matter.

Let us pray to God our Father, knowing that we are all precious to him.

To-day's congregational response, as printed in the bulletin is
The Lord is our shepherd: **there is nothing we shall want.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all those who give to support the work of the Church; bless our giving, guide our spending, and help us to value the true wealth of your abundant love. (pause)

The Lord is our shepherd: **there is nothing we shall want.**

We pray for the world's economy; for fair management and distribution of resources; for fair trade and just wages; for greater awareness and concern about injustice; for a commitment to our responsibilities as planet-sharers and earth-dwellers. (pause) The Lord is our shepherd: **there is nothing we shall want.**

We pray for all parents with young children, thanking you for them and asking you to bless and guide their parenting; we pray for families in debt; for those whose homes have been repossessed, and those whose financial security makes them forgetful of your love. (pause)

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We pray for those who are burdened with financial worries and all who struggle to make ends meet, all over the world; we pray for the emotionally and spiritually bankrupt, and those who do not yet know God's love for them.

(pause) The Lord is our shepherd: **there is nothing we shall want.**

We pray for those who have died, remembering Sheila Bennett, and those on that last journey at this moment; for a merciful judgement and the everlasting joy of heaven. (pause) The Lord is our shepherd: **there is nothing we shall want.**

Father, we give you thanks for the extraordinary generosity of your love for us, which lasts beyond our death into the whole of eternity.

Merciful Father, we offer these prayers in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen