

July 2 Intercessions Pentecost 4

Jesus sends his ambassadors out to proclaim God's kingdom and bring hope and peace of mind to the harassed and lost in every age.

Let us join in praying together with all God's people to the Lord of harvest.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin:

You, O Lord: **you are our hope and joy.**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of life, and above all for your love in dying for us who so often act as your enemies. Break down any barriers which prevent us from being at peace with you, and fill your church with love for all who do not yet know your peace. (pause) You, O Lord: **you are our hope and joy.**

Father, we thank you for the diversity and richness of our world, for the natural goodness of many, and the innocence of the very young. We pray for all victims of our world's mistakes and evils, and ask your guidance and courage for our leaders and advisers. (pause) You, O Lord: **you are our hope and joy.**

Father, we thank you for the joy of our families and friendships, and the opportunities provided in our homes for learning what real loving is all about. We pray for those we love and worry about, and those who love and worry about us, commending one another to your keeping. (pause)

You, O Lord: **you are our hope and joy.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the medical research that has brought healing and quality of life to so many. We pray for all who work in hospitals, hospices, and clinics, and for all the patients in their care. We pray for all who are harassed and worried, and long for the peace of mind that eludes them (pause)

You, O Lord: **you are our hope and joy.**

Father, we thank you for all who sense your calling and respond to it with joy. We pray for still more workers in your harvest, to gather in many to share the joy of your peace.

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

