

June 18 Intercessions Pentecost 2

Wise listeners build their lives up on the strong rock of the word of God.

As the community of God's people, let us focus our attention and still our bodies to pray.

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

Lord God of wisdom: **you give us the word of life.**

Father, we have heard your words and your challenge to build our lives wisely on the bedrock of faith; may all of us who profess to be Christians act on what we have heard. Bless and inspire all who preach and teach the faith and make our worship pure and holy and acceptable to you. *(pause)*

Lord God of wisdom: **you give us the word of life.**

Father, we are conscious of the double standards and inconsistencies in our world, and ask for hearts to be opened to hear you and recognise the wisdom of your law of love. We ask you to strengthen and encourage each attempt to govern with your principles, and deal justly with your sense of mercy. *(pause)*

Lord God of wisdom: **you give us the word of life.**

Father, we want to take more seriously our community commitment to our children. Show us what needs to be started, developed or changed in our attitudes to one another, and in the way we help one another's faith to grow. *(pause)* Lord God of wisdom: **you give us the word of life.**

Father, the needs and concerns of all who suffer are our concern, through love. May we strive to address the imprisoning poverty and hunger of much of our world, and involve ourselves in the comfort, help and healing we ask of you. *(pause)* Lord God of wisdom: **you give us the word of life.**

Father we commend to your love and mercy those who have died to this earthly life. We thank you lives well lived and love shared. Bring them, and us in our turn, safely to heaven. *(pause)* Lord God of wisdom: **you give us the word of life**

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