

July16 Intercessions Pentecost 6

When we are willing to take up our cross with Jesus we will also know his risen life.

Let us pray to our heavenly Father, who is familiar with our world and understands our humanity.

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

In Christ we can be dead to sin: **and alive to God.**

Lord God all, wherever Christians are ridiculed or persecuted for their faith, we ask your courage and inner strength; wherever we are called to be your witnesses, we ask for the grace to communicate your love. Wherever love for you has grown cold we ask you to fan the flames again. (pause)

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Lord, wherever the human spirit is ground down by oppression, and wherever our silence allows injustice and corruption to flourish, we ask for deeper compassion and commitment; we ask for our kingdoms to become your kingdoms, and the desires of your heart to be ours (pause)

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Lord of all, wherever families are struggling to stay together, and wherever there are ongoing arguments and family feuds, we ask your anointing for tranquility and harmony. Wherever children are unwanted and unloved, neglected or in danger, we ask for your protection and help. (pause)

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Gracious Lord, wherever bodies, minds or spirits are wracked with pain, or too weak or exhausted to pray, we ask the bathing love of your presence, and the practical caring of hands working in your name. (pause)

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Wherever nature's beauty or the daily miracles around us alert us to see your face, we thank you for the grace

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