

July 23 Intercessions

As Christ's people we are no longer slaves to sin, but available for righteousness.

Let us focus our bodies, minds, hearts and wills as we pray to the God of all creation.

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

Heal us, Lord: **and use us to your glory.**

Holy God, you are the focus of our love and worship, because you alone are the Lord who has made us and rescued us. May we not return to the slavery of sin but live in your freedom, serving you with joy, in thankfulness for all you have done for us. (pause) Heal us, Lord: **and use us to your glory.**

Holy God, though the world may often reject you, you never fail to believe in us all and love us with tenderness. We pray for all areas of conflict, deceit, mismanagement and greed, and for all who are drawn into the chaos of evil. (pause) Heal us, Lord: **and use us to your glory.**

Lord God, our daily lives provide such rich ground for acts of loving kindness, self-discipline and courage. Remind us of the opportunities, and strengthen us to use them. (pause) Heal us, Lord: **and use us to your glory.**

Holy God, we thank you for all who lovingly look after those in nursing homes, hospitals, nurseries and prisons, and we pray for all who need such care and rely on others' help. (pause) Heal us, Lord: **and use us to your glory.**

Holy God, we call to mind those who have recently died and thank you for each act of goodness in their lives. Have mercy on them and forgive their failings, so that they may share the joy of heaven for ever. (pause)

Heal us, Lord: **and use us to your glory.**

Lord God, we thank you for our human potential for good, and for your gift of grace that makes such goodness a real possibility.

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