

July 30 Intercessions Pentecost 8

To all who are weary with carrying heavy burdens in life, Jesus offers rest for our souls and unthreatening relief.

Our loving God is here, attentive to his children.

Let us pray to him now.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin: As you have called us: **Lord, we come to you**

Father, we pray that your Church may always be open to receive your love; keep us swept clear of pomposity, complacency or self-righteousness; let us come humbly and simply into your presence and wait on you, knowing our dependence on you, and rejoicing in it. (pause)

As you have called us: **Lord, we come to you.**

Father, we pray for all world leaders and their governments; for the strength of authority comes not through force and domination but through co-operation and mutual respect; we pray for greater consideration of the needs of one another and of our planet, and a desire to right past wrongs and injustices. (pause)

As you have called us: **Lord, we come to you.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for a growing maturity in our thinking and our loving that enables us to be childlike; we pray for healing from all the damage that prevents us from growing up; we pray that our children in this church may be helped to grow strong, and we thank you for all we learn from them.

(pause) As you have called us: **Lord, we come to you.**

Father, we pray for all who cry out for rest and relief, all who are carrying terrible burdens that weigh them down, all whose poverty denies them the chance of healing, all whose wealth denies them the chance of knowing their need of you.

(pause) As you have called us: **Lord, we come to you.**

Father, we thank you for your gentleness and humility, which puts our pride and vanity to shame. Teach us to trust more and more in your truth, discarding what the world considers essential and rejoicing in your freedom.

In Jesus name we pray. **Amen**