

August 13 Intercessions Pentecost 10

Jesus, the teacher, enables the ordinary, unlearned people to understand God's wisdom - the eternal laws of his Father's kingdom.

May the Spirit pray through us as we try to put into words the longings of our hearts for the Church and for the world.

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

Lord of all creation: **teach us your ways.**

Gracious God, we thank you for all who have helped us to pray and to grasp something of your great love and power. We ask your blessing and empowering for all who teach and minister in your name; we ask for our Sunday worship to be an overflowing of our daily walk with you, an expression of our deepening love. (pause) Lord of all creation: **teach us your ways.**

Father, we thank you for the beauty and diversity of the created world we inhabit. We ask for the wisdom to tend it carefully, respecting the natural laws and sharing the resources, listening to the weak as well as the strident, the poor as well as the affluent and powerful. (pause) Lord of all creation: **teach us your ways.**

Father, we thank you for the candour and innocence of the very young, and for the joy of friendship; for all with whom we share our daily life, and those we love but seldom meet. We ask for hearts that are skilled in listening, so that we discern and respond to the real agendas, and remember that a conversation is a two-way event. (pause) Lord of all creation: **teach us your ways.**

Loving God, we thank you for the advances in medical knowledge and the hope of new treatments for many diseases.

We pray for all in medical research and all whose lives are crippled or disadvantaged by illness, frailty or damage.

Give comfort and reassurance, healing, wholeness and peace. (pause)

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Father, we thank you for your wisdom and truth, your understanding and generosity and acknowledge our total dependence on you,
We pray through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**