

August 27 Intercessions

God is faithful to us through all the storms of life, yet our faith in God is so very small.

Trusting in our faithful God, let us pray.

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

Lord our God: **let only your will be done.**

Faithful God, we pray for the gift of deeper faith in you, so that we trust you in a way that alters our dependence on everything else, and allows us clearer vision as to the direction and role of the Church. Remind us that it is your Church, and not ours; your work, your power and your kingdom. (pause)

Lord our God: **let only your will be done.**

Loving God, as we call to mind the stormy areas of our world, the raging and the insecurity, the confusion and bewilderment, the restlessness and fear, let your calming and reassuring presence be sensed and recognised, bringing peace and goodness, righteousness and hope. (pause)

Lord our God: **let only your will be done.**

Gracious God, come to us in the storms of life, when we let one another down, mishandle opportunities and come to the end of our strength or patience; and bless us with the love that never lets us down. (pause)

Lord our God: **let only your will be done.**

Faithful God, we place into your loving keeping all those who have died, knowing their dependence on you and your limitless mercy.

We thank you for them and their gifts to the world, and ask that we may, in our turn, come to you across the waters of death and live in your company for ever.

(pause) Lord our God: **let only your will be done.**

Faithful God, whose promises stand sure for ever, we thank you for your patience with us and your refusal to give up on us.

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