

August 6 Intercessions Pentecost 9

*Seed of God's word, sown in good soil, watered by his rain and warmed by his sunlight, produces a good crop of spiritual fruit.*

Gathered together as the people of God, and attentive to his will, let us pray.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin: Eternal truth, living God: **Your word is life and strength.**

Heavenly Father, may your words of truth take root in our hearts and grow to rich maturity. May we hear your will for us and act upon it; may we take seriously our responsibility to encourage and nurture one another in faith at every age and every stage. (pause) Eternal truth, living God: **Your word is life and strength.**

Heavenly Father, may every act of selfless giving and every search for truth be richly blessed and rewarded; Disturb assumptions and lead many to ponder more deeply the spiritual dimension of their lives. May the word of God reach all who are ready to receive it, and let us set no boundaries here as to who they might be. (pause) Eternal truth, living God: **Your word is life and strength.**

Father, may all whose bodies, souls or minds are aching, know the comforting and strengthening power of your companionship, and the healing work of your love. May we be more ready to support and befriend one another through the difficult times, in the name and love of the God we worship. (pause) Eternal truth, living God: **Your word is life and strength.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are making the journey through physical death, as they put down earthly things and wake to your presence. Bring us all to share with them your life in all its fullness. (pause) Eternal truth, living God: **Your word is life and strength.**

Heavenly Father, the rain and sunshine, the growing and harvesting, sing to us of your faithful love, and we offer you our thankful praise for all your gifts to us.

**In the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**