

June 24 Intercessions John the Baptist

Out of God's riches, a great crowd is fed and satisfied from a small offering of food.

Knowing that our loving God supplies all our needs, let us pray to him now on behalf of the Church and the world.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is:
Loving God: **give us today our daily bread.**

Lord, we offer this time and the love of our hearts as we pray for the Church with all its varied ministries; for the youngest to the oldest baptized members; for those of mellow faith and those who struggle with doubts. (pause)

Loving God: **give us today our daily bread.**

Lord, we offer our commitment to pray the news each day and share the pain we read about, longing for your peace and your justice in a world tense with aggression and distorted with selfishness. (pause)

Loving God: **give us today our daily bread.**

Gracious Lord, we offer our homes and our relationships for you to work in and transform; we offer you our meetings and conflicts and all differences of opinion for you to use to your glory. (pause)

Loving God: **give us today our daily bread.**

Gracious Lord, we offer you our solidarity with all who suffer or are heavily burdened; hear us as we pray for their comfort and refreshment, wholeness and restoration, but above all for the consciousness of your presence in their pain, and your love for them. (pause)

Loving God: **give us today our daily bread.**

Lord, we offer our thanks for lives well lived and faithful souls entering by the gate of physical death to eternal life with you. Prepare us all to meet you face to face. (pause) Loving God: **give us today our daily bread.**

Lord, we give you our lives as well as our words of praise, so that each moment from now on becomes an offering of love.

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.