

July 8 Intercession Pentecost 7

Just as bread is the visible form of life-giving nourishment, so Jesus is the visible form of God's life-giving love.

LET US PRAY TO OUR GOD AS WE WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

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

Open our eyes: **to see your glory.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are commissioned and called to work as leaders and prophets in your Church.

We pray for greater discernment of your presence and your will in our Christian communities, and a clearing away of all that obscures our vision (pause). Open our eyes: **to see your glory.**

Heavenly Father, we pray against the cynicism and complacency that deaden wonder.

In the ordinary things of life may we detect your love and wisdom; through the everyday events may we encounter you, walking alongside us. (pause). Open our eyes: **to see your glory.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for breadwinners and sandwich makers, and all food growers; for your presence in kitchens, dining rooms, canteens, restaurants and bars; wherever people gather to eat together, may they find you there with them. (pause). Open our eyes: **to see your glory.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose emotional damage makes trusting and receiving seem threatening and dangerous.

We pray for peace of mind for the anxious, and hope for all who are close to despair. (pause). Open our eyes: **to see your glory.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who have reached the boundary of death, that in faith they may journey through it and out into the unconfined space and joy of heaven. Remembering Marjorie Armbrust and Rev. Joe Ponio.

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that the ordinary things of this world are saturated with your extraordinary love.

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