

September 2 Intercessions

Human beings are made responsible for the care of creation but are subject to God in all aspects of their lives.

Let us come before God our Maker, making our prayers to him, through Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is:
Lord of heaven: **let your will be done.**

We pray that the Church may be alive to God's beckoning, quick to obey his will and always ready to act in his loving service for the good of the world. (pause)
Lord of heaven: **let your will be done.**

We pray that all leaders and heads of state may take wise advice and act responsibly for the well-being of all. We pray for God's guidance in the way we manage and care for this planet, its resources, riches and inhabitants. (pause)
Lord of heaven: **let your will be done.**

We pray for all marriages, for those seeking marriage partners and those whose marriages are under strain. We pray for all in close relationships, that there may be mutual love and respect. (pause)
Lord of heaven: **let your will be done.**

We pray for all who are suffering through illness, accident or deliberate cruelty; for refugees and all who are abused; that through the caring of human hands they may experience the caring hands of God. (pause)
Lord of heaven: **let your will be done.**

We pray for all who have died violently or suddenly, or with no one to miss them. May all who have died in faith be judged with mercy and welcomed into eternal life. (pause) Lord of heaven: **let your will be done.**

We pour out our thanks and praise for the gift of life and the gift of one another. May we treat each other with renewed reverence.

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