

May 19 Easter 5 Intercessions

TO PRODUCE FRUIT WE NEED TO BE JOINED ON TO THE TRUE VINE

Let us pray to the Lord God Almighty, in whom we live and move and have our being.

The congregational response, as printed in today's bulletin is:
Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done.**

Loving Father, we want to produce good fruit in abundance; nurture us as branches of the true vine, train and prune us where it is necessary, and may our spiritual harvest make rich wine, wine of your kingdom. (pause)
Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done.**

Father, clearly we see around our world the tragic and expensive consequences of branches cut off from the true vine. We pray for a seeking after your truth and a desire to act rightly and justly in all areas of human society. (pause) Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done.**

Father, we pray for those to whom we are linked by family, friendship or work; especially we pray for those separated from their loved ones or their home. (pause) Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done.**

Heavenly Father, we long for healing and wholeness in all who suffer and in all dysfunctional communities; guide us to understand how we might be part of the healing. (pause) Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done.**

Father, we know that death cannot separate us from your love; in that knowledge we commend to your keeping those who have died and all who miss them. (pause) Your kingdom, let it come! **Your will, let it be done.**

Father, we thank you that we can live in the joyful freedom of your love, as we dedicate ourselves to serving others

We pray in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**