

November 17 Intercessions

Don't get side-tracked; always pray and don't give up.

Our help comes from the Lord. Let us pray to him now.

The congregational response, as printed in today's bulletin is:
Lord, we love your ways: **our help comes from you.**

Loving God, we pray for those who teach prayer and Bible study at schools and colleges, retreat houses, and conferences, and in churches and homes all over the world. We pray that many will find your words speaking into their situation and providing the guidance they need. (pause)

Lord, we love your ways: **our help comes from you.**

We pray for those picking their way through situations of potential conflict and danger; for law makers and keepers and all who are oppressed unjustly; for the leaders of the nations and their people. (pause)

Lord, we love your ways: **our help comes from you.**

Understanding God, We pray for the grace to listen to one another and respond to one another's needs; we pray for a spirit of co-operation and generosity in our homes and neighbourhoods. (pause)

Lord, we love your ways: **our help comes from you.**

We pray for those who are wrestling with problems which seem too big to cope with; for those who have recently received news that has stunned or appalled them, and are still in a state of shock. (pause)

Lord, we love your ways: **our help comes from you.**

Compassionate God, We pray for those who have gone through death, that they may be judged with mercy and brought safely into the eternal life of heaven.

Loving Father, we thank you for your constant faithfulness to us in spite of our tendency to fall far short of our responsibilities.

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