

August 19 Intercessions

The truly great in God's eyes are those who are prepared to be last of all and servant of all.

LET US PRAY TO THE GOD OF GLORY IN WHOM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is:
Yours, Lord, is the kingdom: **yours the power and yours the glory.**

We pray that the Church may hold true to the teaching of Jesus, without being persuaded that worldly values of status and ambition are suitable or acceptable in Christ's followers. We pray for a spirit of humility to deflate all pomposity and arrogance. (pause) Yours, Lord, is the kingdom: **yours the power and yours the glory.**

We pray that all in positions of power, authority and influence in our world may recognize their calling to servant hood and never lose their identity with the needs and longings of those they serve. (pause)
Yours, Lord, is the kingdom: **yours the power and yours the glory.**

We pray that all communities may look after one another, supporting the vulnerable, encouraging the timid, providing practical help for all who need it, and nurturing the young in a climate of trust. (pause)
Yours, Lord, is the kingdom: **yours the power and yours the glory.**

We pray that none may be considered expendable, or beyond our cherishing; we pray for all who have lost heart, through pain, suffering or sin, that God's redeeming power may work its wonders in the very darkest situations. (pause)
Yours, Lord, is the kingdom: **yours the power and yours the glory.**

We pray that all who have wearily struggled to death may know the joy of burdens laid down, and new, lasting life transforming them through the eternal love of God. (pause) Yours, Lord, is the kingdom: **yours the power and yours the glory.**

We pray that we may find new joy in giving and serving freely, without thanks, rejoicing in the privilege of following Jesus. **Heavenly Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**