

August 26 Intercessions

Don't let your body lead you into sin and risk exchanging eternal life for eternal punishment.

CONSCIOUS OF OUR NEED FOR GOD'S POWER IN OUR LIVES, OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD, LET US PRAY TO HIM NOW.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is:
Your Law, O Lord, is perfect: **it revives the soul.**

Father, as you have called us to be salt, give us the courage to reject sin and evil in our own lives and in the corporate life of the Church. May our churches be powerhouses of your Spirit, training and upholding us as we live your life in the world. (pause) Your Law, O Lord, is perfect: **it revives the soul.**

Father, we pray for a greater awareness of what damages souls and encourages evil, and for widespread commitment to addressing the dangers. We pray for all who earn their living through selling what destroys lives. (pause)
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Father, we pray for the young, and the vulnerable in every community, for all in positions of trust, for child-minders, playgroups and schools, for children's clubs and the uniformed organizations, for loving nurture and protection from all evil. (pause) Your Law, O Lord, is perfect: **it revives the soul.**

Father, we pray for all long-term caregivers and those they look after, for all who are having to learn dependence gracefully, and those who are imprisoned by their guilt. Work your healing love in them all, reassuring them of your presence. (pause) Your Law, O Lord, is perfect: **it revives the soul.**

Father, we pray that no one may be lost eternally, that all may turn from their sin and trust your mercy; that physical death may be but the gate to heaven. We commend to your love those who have recently died. (pause)
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Father, we offer you our thanks and praise for sins forgiven, and the joy of walking through life in your company. **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**