

July 21 --Intercessions Pentecost 6

*When we are called to follow Jesus that means total commitment, with no half-measures.*

Holy God, you have called us to meet and pray together, and here we are.

The congregational response, as printed in today's bulletin is:

We ask in Jesus' name: **give us grace to discern your answer.**

We pray for those called to lay and ordained ministry in your Church, and for those at present testing their vocation. We lay before you the work that needs doing here and ask you to provide people to do it. (pause)

We ask in Jesus' name: **give us grace to discern your answer.**

We pray for those called to serve you in positions of authority and influence; for all leaders to see true greatness as service and true strength as humility.

(pause) We ask in Jesus' name: **give us grace to discern your answer.**

We pray for those called to marriage, and those called to the single life, for parents and grandparents, sons and daughters, for acceptance of what we cannot change and strength to live the Christian life in our present situation. (pause)

We ask in Jesus' name: **give us grace to discern your answer.**

We pray for those whose lives are full of disappointment disillusion and discontent; for all who struggle with great perseverance in difficult circumstances.

We pray for your strength, encouragement and direction. (pause)

We ask in Jesus' name: **give us grace to discern your answer.**

We pray for those called, through death, into eternal life and freedom from all their pain and suffering. Receive them with mercy and welcome them into your kingdom. (pause)

We ask in Jesus' name: **give us grace to discern your answer.**

We thank you, Holy God, for your promise that where two or three are gathered in your name you will grant their requests.

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