

August 4 Intercessions Pentecost 8

Straighten your lives out and live by God's standards of love.

Let us pray to God, knowing we can trust him.

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

Father: **let only your will be done.**

We pray that as Christians we may take to heart the need to walk the talk, and live out what we profess. We pray that nothing may get so important to us that it pushes God's values aside. (pause) Father: **let only your will be done.**

We pray that those in authority and power do not lose touch with the needs of those they serve, so that the poor and oppressed and vulnerable are always given value and respect. (pause) Father: **let only your will be done.**

We pray for those in our families whom we love and have hurt or upset. We pray too for those who have hurt or upset us, and ask for God's reconciliation and healing. (pause) Father: **let only your will be done.**

We pray for those who have lost hope of being rescued, noticed or valued; for the complacent who cannot see their poverty, for the prejudiced who mistake blindness for sight. (pause) Father: **let only your will be done.**

We pray for our loved ones who have reached the moment of death, and thank you for the example of their lives. We commend them all to your safe keeping. (pause) Father: **let only your will be done.**

We give you thanks, Lord God, for the hope and encouragement you give us on our journey of faith.

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