

Sunday 22 September - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Prayers written by Sue Lyne

Gracious and eternal God, maker, redeemer and inspirer, we are your people. You are our God. We stand in line with those you call to bear your love to hungry souls. And so we come, within this place to worship and to learn, to offer praise, to hear your word, to do your will in the cause of your Kingdom.

Loving God, we pray that we may know your Spirit in us and amongst us as we gather for worship, to offer our praise to you, to seek to know your will for us, to grow in faith and understanding, and so live out in actions day by day the faith we now proclaim in words.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit on our lips speak a word of love for those who are starved of affection.

Holy Spirit, sing a song of joy in our lives, especially for those who have forgotten how to smile.

Holy Spirit put in our hands the gift of peace for those who live in places of violence and fear.

Holy Spirit through our thoughtfulness, offer the treasure of patience to those who endure many trials and difficulties.

Holy Spirit in our deeds show the worth of goodness, to encourage all who believe evil is in control.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, enable our feet to go the extra mile of kindness, supporting those who are weighed down by their problems.

Holy Spirit in our constancy, display the enduring quality of faithfulness, so that we may stand by those who have lost their trust.

Holy Spirit kindle in our hearts the candle of gentleness, lighting the path of those wounded and dismayed.

Holy Spirit fill each demanding day with your gift of self-control, so that we do not do damage to your name as we respond to human need.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

So, we pray Lord, as summer gives way to autumn and the leaves fall to the earth to feed the coming spring, so may the times of loss and seeming

death in us become resources for new life and growth. And as the daylight becomes shorter, give us the patience to know that the days will again lengthen and will lead to brightness and to joy, as year leads on to year and time to time.

Holy Spirit be with those who are suffering in mind, body and spirit at this time, give them strength and knowledge that you are with them. We pray for those known to us but also especially for Alfred Johnson, Jan Barker, Anne-Marie Renshaw, Diana Webb, Daphne Hoare, Sue Copsey and Ken Hornett.

We will all be called to your loving kingdom and ask that you surround those who are feeling the loss of loved ones at this time. We pray for Neville Julian Fenner and his family and for those who are remembered in our memorial book, Patricia Wollington, Carol Nutt, Christine Elizabeth Betteridge, Tony Whymark and Kevin Isherwood.

We pray that your Holy Spirit will be with us all to guide and guard us today and in the coming week.

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