

Intercessions for the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father, whose love for us never fails, whose love for us never ceases and is always more than we can conceive of:-

We pray for the worldwide church and especially for those congregations who have loved us and encouraged us in our journey of faith. Father, giver of light and love. You who imparts thoughts higher than our own thoughts and prayers better than our own prayers..... ACCEPT the measure of our faith; ACCEPT our longing to know and serve you; ACCEPT our trust in your almighty power. ENCOURAGE US in whatever the future holds. GIVE us clarity such that we never think more highly of ourselves than we should.

We pray for our young people wrestling with all the uncertainties of their examination results and their scorn for those in whom they are disappointed. We pray for all those in high office that they may honour the visions of our youth, with love of justice, strength of purpose and honesty of mind.

We pray too for all who suffer.....

Have mercy O Lord on all who are afflicted in mind, body or spirit; comfort and cheer them in weariness and depression. Remember all who grieve the loss of loved ones. May they know your presence with them day and night. Deepen our understanding and sympathy, that we may be channels of your loving peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And finally a prayer for ourselves:-

If we cannot serve, let us pray

If we cannot believe, help us pray

If we cannot pray, let us believe that others serve our needs

That through their love, we may come to pray and serve and believe

In Jesus Christ our Lord