

Intercessions for 1 August 2021, prepared by Jane Woolf

Today's prayer is adapted from the Lutheran church of Australia. Let us pray.

Jesus said, *'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'* This is the promise of God who never changes, who we turn to afresh today.

Heavenly Father: thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord, to be the Bread of Life for the whole world. Forgive us for choosing earthly things over our love for you, for being selfish and careless with our planet, for perpetuating systems of inequality. Feed us with the knowledge of Christ so that we can make better choices for ourselves and others.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose daily need for healthy food, clean water and proper shelter goes un-met. For those who have suffered in the recent natural disasters, the heat in the UK and America and the flooding in China. And Father we also pray for those who misuse and hoard what they have; and we praise you for our comfort and plenty. Help us to be generous, remembering that everything we have, belongs to you. Feed everyone with good things, that we can become more like Jesus every day.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father, feed those who are sick or sorrowing with healing and consolation. We pray particularly for those we love who are ill at this time, whether in body, mind or spirit. We pray for those with caring responsibilities and anyone feeling anxious or scared at this time.

In a moment of quiet, we bring before the Lord those we know who are in need at this time. Those who need healing, or rest. Those who are struggling to make ends meet. Father, bless them with everything they need.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we raise before you those who have died, who are now with you, their pain and sorrow ended. We pray for those left behind, grieving and in pain. Surround them with your love and faithfulness. Calm their chaos and lead them through the storm.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Generous Lord, you heard the prayers of your people in the wilderness and fed them bread from heaven. You see the things we do in secret and know the shadows of our hearts. Despite knowing the worst of us, you forgive us and love us. Graciously hear our prayer today and feed us too with the Bread of Life, so that all our hungers are satisfied.

Merciful Father...accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/07/prayers-of-people-bread-of-life.html>

~ adapted from the Lutheran Church of Australia's LCA Worship Planning page. <http://www.lca.org.au/worship/>