
PROPER 21

Sunday between 25 September and 1 October inclusive

*Wealth can make us complacent so that we fail
to notice the needs of those around us.*

All our needs are God's concerns.
Let us pray to him now.

Father, make us a listening Church,
welcoming to the hesitant,
encouraging to the young,
sensitive to the differences and attentive to the needs.

Silence

God, in mercy:
hear us as we pray.

Father, make us a caring world,
wise in government,
honest in promises,
far-sighted in the management of resources,
and open-hearted in charitable giving.

Silence

God, in mercy:
hear us as we pray.

Father, make us a responsible community,
supporting our neighbours and friends,
sharing one another's sorrows and joys,
and opening our homes to your indwelling.

Silence

God, in mercy:
hear us as we pray.

Father, as we remember those
who have asked for our prayers,
take their needs and provide for them,
take their wounds and heal them,
take their suffering and comfort them.

Silence

God, in mercy:
hear us as we pray.

Father, as we call to mind those who have died,
may they know the welcoming of your love
into eternal joy.

Silence

God, in mercy:
hear us as we pray.

Thank you, Holy God,
for knowing our needs
even before we become aware of them ourselves.

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