
PROPER 24

Sunday between 16 and 22 October inclusive

*Don't get side-tracked;
always pray and don't give up.*

Our help comes from the Lord.
Let us pray to him now.

Loving Father, we pray for those
who teach prayer and Bible study
at schools and colleges, retreat houses, and conferences,
and in churches and homes all over the world.
We pray that many will find your words
speaking into their situation
and providing the guidance they need.

Silence

Lord, we love your ways:
our help comes from you.

We pray for those picking their way
through situations of potential conflict and danger;
for law makers and keepers
and all who are oppressed unjustly;
for the leaders of the nations and their people.

Silence

Lord, we love your ways:
our help comes from you.

We pray for the grace to listen to one another
and respond to one another's needs;

we pray for a spirit of co-operation and generosity
in our homes and neighbourhoods.

Silence

Lord, we love your ways:
our help comes from you.

We pray for those who are wrestling with problems
which seem too big to cope with;
for those who have recently received news
that has stunned or appalled them,
and are still in a state of shock.

Silence

Lord, we love your ways:
our help comes from you.

We pray for those who have gone through death,
that they may be judged with mercy
and brought safely into the eternal life of heaven.

Silence

Lord, we love your ways:
our help comes from you.

Loving Father, we thank you
for your constant faithfulness to us
in spite of our tendency to fall far short
of our responsibilities.

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