

**PRAYERS for April 11, 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter**

**Worship Assistant:** On this second Sunday of Easter, let us praise the name of the Lord and pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**Worship Assistant:** Living God, we give thanks that we are allowed to be part of this worship service in which our earthly cares are put aside for a little while. Long ago, faithful men and women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them; help us keep our witness as bold; help us keep our love as deep; and help us keep our conviction as true. Even though we have not seen our Lord in the flesh, we have Him in our hearts.

**Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Gracious Father, Your Son said, "Peace be with you" to His disciples who were hiding in fear. Bring Your peace, Your hope, and Your good news to people who are hiding in fear today. Thank You for being so patient with Your followers. Thank You for breathing Your Spirit and Your peace upon us. Thank You for giving us Your own work of forgiving the sins of all who are humble enough to seek forgiveness and grace. Give us the faith, hope, and charity to believe, worship, and obey You always. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what You do on our behalf, but what You call on us to do. Grant us faith to trust in Your Son's risen presence, so that with Thomas and those who have gone before us, we may see His glory. Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as You have blessed us, we may be a blessing to others.

**Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Holy Jesus, as we pray about worries, problems, and stress in our lives, let us also pray for an increase in spirituality in the hearts and minds of those around us. Help all of us to see that by faith in You and love for You, we will know the fullness of joy in Your presence and the salvation of our souls that only comes from You. Thank You, Lord, for releasing us from past failings knowing that You have given each of us a new start. Help us to use our faith to be joyful Christians and live in unity with our brothers and sisters.

**Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Heavenly Father, You are the comforter and healer of those in physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual need. We lift up to You all our brothers and sisters who are in need of Your help. Bring peace to those whose lives are torn apart by addictions, divorce, and separation from family. Support the people of Coweta County as they work to rebuild their homes and neighborhoods. Please let Your healing touch be felt in the lives of all the people on our prayer list and those friends and families whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

**(Wait at least 20 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Risen Savior, we ask You to come with Your forgiveness, Your grace, and Your peace to the people of Word of God. Give us a hunger for Your Word, a thirst for Your goodness, a vision of Your love, and a desire to serve You by serving others. Be with the volunteers who will work with the rebuilding efforts in our county. Let the NALC workers and other groups be a blessing to those they serve.

**Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**