

PRAYERS for April 25, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Worship Assistant: Glorious Shepherd, You fortify our spiritual lives with Your presence when we read Your Word, when we speak with You in prayer, when we sing hymns to praise You, and when we gather with other Christians to worship You. Only by becoming stronger in You can we overcome obstacles in our lives. You hear our voices and You know us. You know us and we follow You. Thank You for being with us as we come together with others who love and worship You. We know that You desire us to love You above all else, and that we love each other as we love ourselves.

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

Worship Assistant: Good Shepherd, teach us to know and follow Your voice as You gently lead us in words and deeds, thoughts and actions. Help us to love others, care for others, and share Your Word with others. Guide Your church here and around the world, in every place and in every situation. As Christians in America, we cannot fully comprehend what it means to live in fear for believing in You. We pray that You protect and comfort our fellow believers around the world and in America where many churches are still closed. Grant continued strength to Your sheep. Encourage them in hope through Your Holy Spirit and let them know that people everywhere are praying for them in their times of danger and isolation.

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

Worship Assistant: Guiding Shepherd, we know that You are in control. We ask for guidance for our government's leaders. Direct them in the way You would have our nation go. Help them understand that the prosperity and growth of our nation comes only through the following of true Christian values. We ask for safety for our country's protectors. Keep safe the courageous members of our military, the brave police who enforce our laws, and the strong men and women who are first responders. Help them know that You are guarding and shielding them from harm.

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

Worship Assistant: Loving Shepherd, hold in Your comforting arms all those people who are hurting today. Grant healing and an extra measure of Your love to those who are ill, to those who are in pain, to those who suffer from hunger, and to those who live in sadness and despair. Continue to watch over the Newnan residents who have suffered loss and devastation. Help WoG and NALC volunteers bring hope to those who are in need. 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 for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....*hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Holy Shepherd, You know Your sheep by name and lead them to safety in the valleys of life. Protect all members of Your holy family: the unborn, the children, the youth, the adults, and the elderly. You have promised to search out Your lost sheep. Please find and save those who are lost. Help us take Your message to those in the world who do not know You. Remind us to keep our faith in You so that we can look to the future with hope and love.

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**