

PRAYERS for April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday

Worship Assistant: Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord on this glorious Easter Sunday, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Worship Assistant: God our Father, this morning we worship You, glorify You, and honor You with ALLELUIAS! You raised Your Son from the dead and made Him to be Lord over all things in heaven and on earth. By raising Christ, You conquered the power of death and opened for us the way of eternal life. Amidst all the chaos, let us not forget what today is really about, and let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives. Alleluia, He is risen!

Alleluia, Risen Lord.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Eternal God, we know that with the miracle of Easter that Your Gospel is true. Help us not fear when danger or distress come into our lives. Grant that the Easter message might make us bolder in our lives, stronger in our faith, more secure in our love, more confident in our hope, and more enthusiastic in our witness for You. Ground us firmly in You and help us lead others to faith in Your Son. We ask that You transform us on the inside so that we may live lives more like our Risen Christ.

Alleluia, Risen Lord.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: God of Mercy, You wash away our sins in water, You give us a new birth in the Spirit, and You redeem us in the blood of Christ. You are the source of all our lives, and we thank You for all the ways You love us, You provide for us, and You hear our prayers. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings. Strengthen all Christians that we may be a family united in the bond of Christ and standing firm on the truth of Your Holy Word. Flood the world with the brightness of the Easter message and help us to glorify Your name for this is the day that You have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia, Risen Lord.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Risen Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, death could not hold You in its power. You have proved Yourself to be the one who could deliver us from sin, from pain, and from grief. You know the needs of every suffering heart and are moved by our every tear. We humbly ask for Your healing hands upon all who are sick, all who are recovering from surgery or illness, all who are mourning the loss of a loved one, and all who are struggling with life issues. We also lift up to You all the friends and families who are on our prayer list and those people we now name before You. Grant them comfort; grant them healing.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Alleluia, Risen Lord.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, graciously hear the prayers of Your people. Give us grace and strength to walk closer to You and to serve You faithfully. Be with Christians throughout the world who seek to worship You. Today, we ask You to keep safe our military and police forces, our first responders, and our leaders. Watch over them and help them to know that we appreciate them and pray for them daily. We ask You to be with our children and youth as they cope with all the challenges in their lives. Keep them safe and help us to raise them with love, with discipline, and with God. Bring a renewed faith to all who need Your comforting peace.

Alleluia, Risen Lord.....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**