

PRAYERS for August 1, 2021 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this tenth Sunday after Pentecost, 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: Heavenly Father, what joy it is to know that You are everywhere, and that You are always ready to save us, to guide us, to comfort us, and to give us Your blessing. For this, we give You thanks and praise. We live by Your mighty hand and our lives are preserved by Your loving care. For this, we give You thanks and praise. Lead us to use our voices to proclaim Your name and our hands to do Your work while being courageous, honest, and unashamed. We graciously thank You for many wonderful opportunities to serve You, love You, and praise You.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious Father, You delight in steadfastness of mind and of purpose. You would not have us be children who are unsteady in their steps or people who are tossed about by false doctrine. You sent the Holy Spirit to plant faith in our hearts for it is a blessed thing for us to be firmly grounded in that faith. We ask You to take our hearts, our lips, our eyes, our hands, our feet, and all of us that we may make a firm confession of Jesus and His saving grace. Give us courage to boldly proclaim Your Word, just as brave and strong Christians who are being persecuted around the world stand firm in their faith.

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

Worship Assistant: Father God, we pray today for our young people who will be starting a new school year of learning. Be with them and keep them safe as they apply themselves to their studies with diligence and enthusiasm. Give them opportunities to witness to Your saving grace through their actions and their words. Help them to know that being a Christian is a joy and an honor. We also pray today for the teachers who are leading their students to knowledge and understanding and modeling the joy of learning. Teach all of us, young and old, to act with kindness and honesty, even when doing that seems difficult.

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

Worship Assistant: Merciful God, look upon us with favor and be with us through our worries, our troubles, our sorrows, and our pain. In Your love, let us find peace. In Your Word, let us find hope. In Your promises, let us find comfort and strength. We ask You to make whole what is broken in all who are afflicted by illness, injury, grief, or depression, and give them patience to wait for Your healing. In this time of division in our country, this time of danger for our first responders, and this time of risk for our military, show them Your steadfast love and grant all of us Your protection. We especially ask You to be with all the friends and families on our prayer list and those whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) **Lord, in Your mercy.....***hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Holy Spirit, You are willing to live in our hearts if we have received Jesus; You have wisdom to enlighten our minds if we follow Jesus; and You lead us on the path of true godliness if we trust in Jesus. Jesus himself said that He is the bread of life, and we will never hunger or thirst if we come to Him. When we look for mercy, comfort, healing, renewal, or purpose, remind us not to look to our human self but to look to Jesus.

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**