

PRAYERS for August 7, 2022 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this ninth 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: O God Most Holy, You have given us so many blessings: life, health, family, friends, freedom, love, forgiveness, and salvation. Make us people with grateful hearts and joyful voices. We know that we are but a little flock because many are called, but few are chosen. You have blessed us beyond measure and for that we thank You. When we think of Your grace and goodness, we are humbled and thankful that we have so many opportunities to live for You. O Lord, we give You honor and reverence.

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

Worship Assistant: Holy Spirit, You pour sweet peace into our hearts. Help us be people of faith. Help us remember that You are always near, and You can overcome any challenge. When we are filled with uncertainty or doubt, walk with us. When the world around us becomes a fearful place, walk with us. We were not beside our God, but we know in faith that He created the heaven and earth. We were not beside our God, but we know in faith that He redeemed us through the birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son. We know that in every aspect of our lives and in every circumstance we encounter, You will help us live courageously because we have faith to know that You are always walking with us.

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

Worship Assistant: Protecting God, we ask You to be with our nation during these times of stress, tension, and unrest in our world. Lead our citizens to prayer and humbleness even though many opinions separate us from our brothers and sisters. Take away the unkind words, the evil thoughts, and the insults that we throw at each other and replace them with kind-heartedness, civility, patience, and love.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord Jesus, when we read the Bible and study Your Word, we grow in spiritual maturity. Be with our Word of God family as we work toward that spiritual maturity through Sunday School and Bible study classes which are beginning next week. Help our students of all ages grow and mature in love and knowledge of Your precious Word. As the greatest teacher, we ask You to be with our teachers as they help their students be growing Christians this year.

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

Worship Assistant: God of Mercy and Healing, hear the cries of those who need Your help. You sent Your Son to seek out and save those who are lost. Help us be ruled by Your peace instead of our own worries, fears, and grief. Be with the friendless and homeless, with the forgotten of today's sometimes indifferent society, and with the emotionally, physically, and mentally troubled. We especially ask You to be with all our 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: Lord God, be the strength and shield of all who risk their lives in defense of others. Help them act with wisdom, integrity, and competence. When their work is done, let their homecomings be joyful, their bodies and minds be healed and refreshed, their service be honored, and their skills be used in new ways. **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**