

**PRAYERS for February 12, 2023 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Worship Assistant:** On this sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, 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:** Great and Wondrous God, we thank You for Your grace and for Your love. You do so much for us without any merit within us. Each day is a gift of Your love for Your people. Each breath we take is a sign of Your sustaining power. Each beat of our hearts is a symbol of Your creation. You gave us Your Son who was the perfect example of Your love and a model of how to live our lives. Help us to communicate Your teachings by our life examples.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Heavenly Father, You called us into the body of Christ. Help us to live as one in Him. Unite us in the common purpose of planting and bringing forth fruit in one another, in our children and grandchildren, and in our friends, neighbors, and members of our church community. Bring quarrels, angry words, hurt feelings, and violence to an end. Give us wisdom to comfort, challenge, and support friends and family members who struggle to repent of offenses they have caused, who worry about how to forgive those who have betrayed their trust, and who attempt to remain faithful to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us be bold Christians and speak out for righteousness. Father, we ask Your blessing on the members of the Service Committee who are being installed this morning. We know that their work will be good because Your hand will be on it.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Dearest Lord, we thank You for loving us enough to give us rules to live by. The Holy Bible is our guidebook for living a righteous life. If we follow the commands You give us in Your Word, You lead us to fulfillment and salvation. We trust You to give us wisdom for whatever decisions we must make each day and that those decisions are pleasing to You. If we have made some bad choices in the past, we ask for Your forgiveness. If we become discouraged, we will turn to You. If we grow weary, we will seek Your strength. Help us to live as Your obedient servants and take one step at a time into the future.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Divine Physician, healer of all human bodies and souls, we ask You to stretch out Your hand and touch us. Be with all people who are in need of Your bodily healing. Bring them strength, hope, and wellness. Be with all people who are in need of Your spiritual healing. Deliver them from evil; grant them hope; and restore them to fellowship with all who love them. Be with our military, police, and first responders. Keep them safe, dedicated, and strong. We especially pray today for all those people who are on our prayer list and in our hearts as we speak their names out loud or say them silently in our hearts.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Everlasting God, our hearts are heavy as we pray for our sisters and brothers in Syria and Turkey who have been impacted by the recent earthquake. Comfort them as they search for survivors, be with them as they bury their deceased family members and friends, and give them strength as they try to rebuild their lives. Help them to know that You are constantly with them and help us all to remember that You are always in control.

**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**