PRAYERS for February 19, 2023 – Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Assistant: On this Transfiguration Sunday, let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

Worship Assistant: Holy Father, we thank and praise You for the glory that You have shown us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. In the transfiguration of Jesus, we see Your glory. We thank You for caring for us, loving us, and giving us the priceless gift of eternal life. Because of You, Father, we have every reason to live each day with hope and joy.

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

Worship Assistant: Holy Lord, transfigure our Word of God congregation. Help us make our people and our programs, our decisions and our vision, our worship and our fellowship shine with Your light and radiance so that others may see the Father's love. When we worship You in the company of our fellow believers, we are truly blessed. Let today and everyday be a time of worship, not only with our words and our deeds, but also with our hearts.

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

Worship Assistant: God of All Glory, transfigure the Christian churches in America. With so many people leaving our churches; with all the changing situations and times in our country; with all the chaos around the world; with all the personal problems and stress in our homes and families, we need a firm foundation under us. We know that strong foundation is Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who has never failed us. Help us through the dark days, comfort us in the long nights, and constantly remind us that You are always with us. Help Your children find their paths leading back to You instead of following the evils and myths of this world.

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

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, You ask us to call upon You in times of trouble. You see and know that we are anxious about many things in our lives. As we hear and study Your Word, we are reminded to come to You each day with all our burdens, our cares, and our sorrows. We need You always. Grow our confidence in You and the certain knowledge of who You are and that You will be with us when we need You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, those who are facing surgery or uncertainty about an illness, those who need strength to recover their good health, and all those who need Your extra support and care. We especially pray today for all the people who are on our prayer list and on our minds 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: Precious Lord and Savior, our defender and protector from all evils, shield the people in places of strife and destruction around the world, especially in Syria and Turkey. We pray for an end to the plans of those who do evil and seek to destroy innocent victims because of a twisted faith. Help them to see the error of their ways, repent, and turn to You, the Savior of the world. Transfigure the sacrifices of our military, who through You protect the people of America. Help the citizens of our country become less angry, less divided, more kind, more caring, and more of one nation under God.

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