

PRAYERS for February 20, 2022 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship Assistant: Please remain standing for the prayers. On this seventh 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: Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ You laid a foundation for us upon which we are to build our lives. We graciously thank You for the opportunity to meet as a family and to belong to Christ. As we gather together to worship You, sing Your praises, and give You honor, let us truly feel the Holy Spirit that dwells in our hearts. Keep our Word of God congregation in Your care. Cause all that we do conform to Your will. Help us share the mercy of Jesus with everyone we encounter and water us daily with the gifts of Your Holy Spirit. Let us grow in grace and in fruits that nourish all who hunger for Your goodness.

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

Worship Assistant: God of Wisdom, You have taught us to turn the other cheek, give our cloaks, go the second mile, love our neighbors, and pray for our enemies. Help us to follow Your Word no matter how difficult the task may be. Grant us patience and gentleness even though we might be annoyed by the wrong-doings of others. Make us true followers of the perfect example of Jesus Christ. America desperately needs Your wisdom, Your guidance, and Your protection. Help Your children in our nation reach out to those who want to sow division and hate. Help Your children in our nation overcome the evil that is trying to take over our lives, our country, and our world. We continue to pray for the safety and support of the leaders of our country. Help them to see and know that Your path is the only one to follow.

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

Worship Assistant: God of All Glory, in the midst of all the changing situations and times in our country, in the midst of the chaos around the world, in the midst of personal problems and stress in our homes, we need a firm foundation under us. We know that solid foundation is Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He has never failed us. As we rest on Him and follow His perfect example, let us serve others who are in need of help.

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

Worship Assistant: Merciful God, You ask us to love and pray for our brothers, our sisters, our neighbors, and even for our enemies. Continue to lead us in the way to do this. Remind us to weep with friends and family who suffer and rejoice with all who are happy. Bring healing to all who are experiencing physical pain. Bring peace to all who are suffering from mental concerns. Bring strength to all who are struggling with spiritual evil. We especially pray today for all those 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: Blessed Father, we pray for peace wherever there is injustice, hate, and conflict. Bring wholeness where there are grudges between people. Guard the members of our military who daily work to protect our people and our country, the troops who have recently been deployed, our police forces who serve our communities, our medical personnel who are still dealing with Covid, and our citizens who seek to live in peace.

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**