

PRAYERS for February 14, 2021 – Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Assistant: On this Transfiguration Sunday, 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 the glory that was revealed in the transfiguration of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. On the mountain, our Lord spoke with Moses and Elijah who strengthened Him for what was to come. Grant that we may understand and obediently listen to Your Word, hold fast to Your heavenly calling, preach Christ as the way of salvation, and proclaim Your many blessings. Give grace to all who are gathered here to see Your Son more clearly, love Him more dearly, and follow Him more nearly.

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

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, You call us into the body of Christ; help us live as one in Him. We give You thanks that You saved mankind by the death and resurrection of Your Son. Just as Jesus did, help us to lead others to You – to help them; to teach them; to feed them; to love them; to serve them. We pray that we would be filled up with Your Spirit as we gather each week, equipped in all kinds of ways for all kinds of service in order to touch the world around us which is desperately in need of good news. Be with the volunteers who will serve Your people at the Midwest Food Bank this week. Continue to give wisdom and counsel to the Call Team as they follow Your lead to bring us a new Pastor.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious Lord, You have given us so many blessings; let us celebrate your gifts and rejoice in Your marvelous creation. We humbly ask You to transfigure each of us and to daily make us more like Christ. Let us be joyful Christians, worthy examples to others, and seekers of love with all those around us.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord God, 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 concerns. We lift our hearts to You on behalf of all of us who are anxious about illness, especially the corona virus; sorrow, specifically for a loved one; burdens, especially loss of employment or a family issue; or cares, in particular for our country. Let the light of Jesus heal, strengthen, and cheer us. Give us hope to wait on Your gifts of wholeness; faith to rise above doubt and despair; peace to cope with our chaotic world; and patience to follow where You lead us. Keep us under Your wings and grant us healing and optimism. We especially pray today for all 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 20 for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....*hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Blessed Father, we pray for Your perfect peace wherever there is injustice, hate, and conflict. Bring wholeness where there are grudges between people and groups. Guard the members of the military who daily work to protect our country, the police forces who serve our cities, and the medical community who seeks wellness for our citizens. Help us to honor their service; care for their wounds; support their families; and rejoice when their tasks are completed. Let Your light shine out of the darkness and into all of our hearts.

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**