

PRAYERS for January 16, 2022 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship Assistant: Please remain standing for the prayers. On this second 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: Lord God, we thank You for Your love that is steadfast, boundless, and eternal. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of Your faithfulness and salvation that You gave us through Your only begotten Son. You have shown us Your kind and fatherly face; we have felt the touch of Your strong hand holding us; and You have given us the precious blood of Your Son as a way to find forgiveness. We have come to You today in humility, gratitude, and praise. Help us to begin each day by thanking You for Your mercies, and never let us forget to thank You at the end of the day for what You have done for us.

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

Worship Assistant: Omniscient God, You know us completely. Wherever we go, You know our paths. Whatever words we speak, You hear them. Whatever thoughts we have, You understand them. Each day we make decisions that could bring us closer to You or separate us from You. Help us to make the right decisions. If we live by Your Word, we are blessed. If we ignore Your commandments, the results are heartbreaking. We need to feel the touch of Your hand leading us as You correct our errors and guide our paths. Lord, come into our hearts.

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

Worship Assistant: Holy Spirit, show us Your ways; speak to our hearts; teach us Your paths. We thank You for the many gifts You have given us. Teach us to use the gift of wisdom to discern Your holy will, the gift of knowledge to understand Your glorious Word, the gift of love to minister to others, and the gift of faith to wholly trust in You. Encourage and support the Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their belief in You. Reassure the Christians around the world who have strayed, that You have not left them. Speak to us Lord, for Your servants hear You.

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

Worship Assistant: Healing Lord, we know that You listen to the cries of those in need. We pray for Your will to be done in all who suffer from emotional, mental, spiritual, or physical illness. Bless the healing hands of the doctors, nurses, counselors, and emergency personnel that You have called and sent to care for Your people. Watch over our police who work to protect us and keep safe the members of our military who guard our people. We pray today for those in need of Your strength, Your healing, and Your love. We especially pray for all those who are on our prayer list and those whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 20 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Faithful God, You call us into the fellowship of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to be strong in our faith, to be generous in our giving, to be kind in our caring, and to be constant in our praying. We pray today for the volunteers who will work at the Midwest Food Bank and the Real Life Center Mobile Food Pantry, and for those who will benefit from their caring. By serving others, Lord, we serve you.

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