

## PRAYERS for January 31, 2021 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**Worship Assistant:** On this fourth 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:** Gracious God, we thank You for the blessings that You have given us through Your Word, and we thank You for speaking to us in ways that we can understand. We sing praises to You for Your abundant power and for Your greatness in knowing what we need. We are forever grateful that You have called us into the fellowship of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Almighty Christ, we read the stories of Your teaching, of Your journeys, of Your control over evil spirits, of Your healing of diseases of mind and body, and we worship You as the Almighty One. Today, there are many voices and hands that are raised against You, yet You rise above the chaos of this hatred and disobedience. Fill our souls with calm, drive out our doubts, speak to our hearts, cast out the evil that is within us, and take away our weaknesses. Give us strength and make our fellowship strong in faith, kindness, and service. Thank You for reminding us to walk humbly with You and to have compassion, love, and mercy for others.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Lord God, holy and awesome is Your name and great are Your works. We know that when we depend on the world's wisdom, we make mistakes and stray from Your path. Help us to seek wisdom, not as the world gives, but as You give. Help us to build our lives on a firm foundation, trusting Your Word, and following it today and every day. Help us to know that true wisdom is Your wisdom and the ultimate truth is Your truth.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Healing Lord, by the strength of Your spoken Word, You demonstrate Your power over sickness and over life. Bring healing to those who are sick or injured; bring employment to those who are seeking work; bring contentment to those who are suffering depression; bring harmony to those who are dealing with life changes and family issues; and bring hope to those in the midst of despair. Help Your children support each other, pray for each other, and strengthen each other. Hold in Your arms 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:** God our Father, we pray for all whose daily work is dangerous. Be with those who serve in the military at home and overseas. Guard all who serve as police, firefighters, EMTs, and medical personnel. Help them to feel Your presence while serving in the line of duty and to know the peace which comes only from You. We pray for our missionaries who take Your message to the world, especially Christine Bell and Dr. Buba. Keep them safe in troubled places. Watch over all Christian pastors as they minister to Your people in places and times of both peace and unrest. We pray for the new leaders of our country that they will find guidance from You so that they might serve our country and its people in following Your paths.

**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**