

PRAYERS for July 17, 2022 – Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this sixth Sunday of Pentecost, 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: Almighty God, thank You for the gift of hospitality. You are so gracious that You let us host angels without even being aware of it. You were the guest of two sisters in their home, teaching them and loving them. Help us to extend a welcome to all who cross our paths.

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

Worship Assistant: Merciful Father, thank You for the gift of Jesus, who reconciled the world to You through His death. Many who follow You and confess His saving sacrifice are persecuted in so many ways, ostracized socially, or punished physically. Be with all those who suffer for Your name's sake, hold them stable and steadfast so they will be presented holy and blameless to You.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious God, what a week to teach us about hospitality! The second Vacation Bible School was a gift. Thank You for the love, the joy, and the friendships that grew here this week. Bless each family that took part in FishStix VBS this week, from the volunteers who made snacks and crafts to the family members of the attendees. And then, we are also so thankful for the new families who are joining Word of God today: the Burnette family, the Knowles family, Carol Mitchell, (Bob Penrose), and the Studnicki family. Make their time as part of this church family fruitful for all.

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

Worship Assistant: King of Kings, You see the problems and issues that leaders of all kinds face. We pray that You would strengthen the faith of those leaders who love You, and bring those who don't now love You to full knowledge of You. In every area we trust that You can use these leaders to work Your will in the world. Teach everyone in a leadership position how to discern the important things and to leave the unimportant aside. We ask Your protection and guidance for first responders of all kinds and for those who serve in the military.

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

Worship Assistant: Eternal Comforter, so often hospitality means anticipating the needs of those we encounter in a kind and gentle way, sufficient for them to feel Your presence. This is but a small reflection of the welcome You hold for us in Your kingdom. Help us to be hospitable with everyone we meet this week. We pray for people who are lonely, who are sick, who suffer in ways we can't know. We ask that You be with each person on our prayer list and those whose names we speak out loud now or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Father, we are grateful for each saint who has left us to be with You in eternal bliss. Their lives are a testimony to Your generosity and goodness. As You led them, lead us. Save us, O Lord, that we will be united with them and You in Your Kingdom.

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**