

PRAYERS for July 31, 2022—Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this eighth 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, give us lives rich towards You. Teach us to turn our backs on covetousness. Remind us that the richness of our lives does not lie in possessions, or hope of possessions, but in the hope of Your son Jesus. Unify us in love for You.

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

Worship Assistant: God of our salvation, we pray for those who endure hardships for Your name's sake. Thank you for Your enduring and persistent love. Allow those of us who can to share all You have given us out of the storehouses of spiritual and material abundance.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious God, as we grow in love towards You at Word of God, help us to put away our old selves and put on new selves, oriented towards Christ. Make Christ our all-in-all, so that our community can see Christ when they see us. We pray specifically for the life of our congregation as we look towards a new school year, new routines, new friends and new people in our lives. Walk with the teachers and students who have so many new beginnings this week, Father.

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

Worship Assistant: King of kings, we pray for Your mercy on our nation. Give wisdom to leaders—and help them to see the difference between leading and ruling. You alone rule justly. 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: Father, lead us on the hard path of discipleship. Teach us virtues that are often unpopular: responsibility, accountability, and self-sacrifice, grounded in faith toward you and fervent love for one another.

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

Worship Assistant: Eternal Comforter, fill the hungry with good things. Satisfy souls that long for healing in their physical bodies or in their relationships with others. Deliver all who are in distress into Your comforting arms. 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.

(With 20 seconds for names.) **Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

Worship Assistant: Father, keep our beloved dead close to your heart. Comfort all whose grief runs deep. By the power of your Spirit, turn our hearts from the folly of sin. Keep us focused on Jesus and his love for us. Make us channels of his forgiveness and grace, because so many people need them. By your mercy, bring us into your Kingdom, where with all the redeemed, we shall praise and adore you forever.

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**