

PRAYERS for July 11, 2021 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this seventh Sunday after 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: Gracious Lord, You are great and greatly to be praised. As we give You adoration this morning, we offer our heartfelt thanks for who You are and for all that You do for us. We know that we are unworthy of Your loving kindness; yet You continue to bless us each day. We know that we sometimes wander from Your path; yet You call us back and show us mercy. We thank You for making us Your children and reminding us that our lives are in Your hands from beginning to end. We thank You for leading us to Your way everlasting.

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

Worship Assistant: Merciful God, You have promised to sustain us if we trust in You, and we are at our best and strongest when we lean on You. We are safest when we know that underneath us are Your never-ending arms. You are our place of hope and love. Give us a sense of Your nearness and make us Your children to eternity. Keep this church strong in Your Word and let us not wander from the path that You have set before us: to grow in faith, to build disciples, and to serve in Christ's name.

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

Worship Assistant: Protecting God, we ask You to be with our nation during these times of stress, tension, and unrest. Lead our citizens to prayer and humbleness even though many opinions separate us from our brothers and sisters. Take away the unkind words, the evil thoughts, and the insults that we throw at each other and replace them with kind-heartedness, civility, patience, and love. Help us to weave the habit of prayer into our lives. Remind us to invite You to come into all parts of our lives. Instead of turning things over in our minds, we must give them to You in prayer. Instead of worrying about our next decisions, we need to pray constantly about both big and small things. We know You are listening to our every prayer.

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

Worship Assistant: Loving God, comfort Your people who are hurting today: those who are ill, those who are in pain, those who are hungry or cold, those whose loved ones have gone to be with You, and those who live in sadness and despair. Help them to securely rest in Your love for each of Your children. Give joy to the volunteers who will work at the Real Life Center and the children's lunch program this week. Be with all the caring people who are planning, and those who will be attending our special VBS evenings that are happening this week. We especially ask You to be with all those on our prayer list and the families and friends whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

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

Worship Assistant: God our Father, we come to You today to ask You to be with all of the military and police personnel who are serving our country. Be with those who serve at our borders, those who serve on the seas, in the air, and on the ground. Strengthen their faith; protect them in times of danger; comfort them when they are away from their loved ones; and let them know they are respected and appreciated. Watch over them; give them strength and courage; give them faithfulness for the task of serving their communities and our country.

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**