

PRAYERS for July 9, 2023 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this sixth 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: Heavenly Father, this morning we once again have the opportunity to gather in Your house with respect and reverence for You. We humbly come to seek Your blessing, to give thanks to You for all Your gifts, to joyfully sing Your praises, and to worship You as we hear Your Word. Then, when our time here together ends, let us go out into the world and share Your message of love with our words and our deeds.

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

Worship Assistant: Protecting Father, deal mercifully with our church family and fill us with the Holy Spirit. Let Your Word take root in us and help us make our words, thoughts, and ministries be faithful and fruitful. Fill the hearts of everyone in this congregation with kindness and mercy and let our faith be a living faith today and every day. If our faith is being tested to the breaking point by unrest, depression, grief, illness, or family concerns, remind us that our Savior is always near. Let us reach out to You in faith so You might give us peace and heal our anxious spirits.

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

Worship Assistant: Giving Father, when Jesus humbled Himself and became a servant, He also became an example for His followers. Make us holy and humble, gentle and good, courageous and compassionate. Thank You for this beautiful world that You have given into our care. Guide us to be wise, responsible, and compassionate as we tend the land and its creatures that You have created.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious Father, be with the many special people who will serve and attend the Fish Stix Vacation Bible School this week. Let their songs be joyful, their prayers be earnest, and their time together be truly amazing.

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

Worship Assistant: Eternal Comforter, we ask You to watch over us and bring the healing comfort of Your grace and mercy to all those who are wounded in body, mind, or spirit. Grant them all that is needed for health and hope so that they may be restored to fellowship with those who love them. Some are carrying burdens that are known only to them and to You. Ease their worries, refresh their spirits, and support them when their load gets too heavy. Comfort our friends who are saddened by the loss of a loved one and help them to know that Your angels hold them safely under their wings. We especially ask You to be with all our friends and families on our prayer list and those 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, You intend for us to live in joy and peace, yet evil threatens so many of us. We ask You to bless with courage, common sense, and patience all who work to keep us secure. Give them integrity and clarity of purpose that all who are in danger or distress may turn to them without hesitation or fear. Shield them from harm and bring them home in safety when their tasks are finished.

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**