

PRAYERS for June 20, 2021 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this fourth 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: Lord God, we lift up our voices this day in songs of praise and thankfulness to You. As we speak with You this morning, we want to thank You for giving us more time to do Your work. We don't know what these coming days will hold for us, but we are thankful that we will have another hour, another day, and another week to live for You. Let each moment bring us abundant opportunities to do Your work and to proclaim Your Word.

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

Worship Assistant: God our Father, we are all a part of Your family, and we thank You for Your gifts and Your love. Make us useful members of our human families by making us trustful members of Your heavenly family. We ask You today to especially be with all earthly fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and all those who show love in a fatherly way and help them be good role models and guides for their children. Place Your name in the hearts of fathers and mothers so that they will care for their families, seek Your Word, and share Your love as You would have them do. Help us remember the fathers who are here with us today, those who live away, and those who have already gone to be with you.

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

Worship Assistant: Holy and Righteous God, we cannot escape Your all-seeing eye. You know what we think, what we do, and what we say, for You are all-knowing and all-powerful. Daily You guard us against the temptation of the devil. Help us to always walk in Your way, trusting You today and every day, trusting You with every aspect of our lives, trusting in Your promises, and trusting in Your saving grace. Only by trust will we know that our future is secure for all eternity.

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

Worship Assistant: Healing Lord, visit Your people and pour out Your strength upon us. Let Your loving hand rest upon all who are sick, injured, lonely, or suffering. We lift before You the poor, the depressed, the oppressed, the grieving, and all those whose dreams have been trampled by the greed of others. Let them know that no matter what problems they face, Your power is made perfect in weakness. Ease their pain, calm their fears, and encourage their faith with the promise of Your grace. 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 of Mercy, You are an ever present help in times of peril. We ask You to constantly remind us that though the world might be filled with danger, we can stand strong, knowing that ultimately our help is in You. Be with all those who are experiencing troubles in their lives, the persecuted Christians around the world, those whose lives have been affected by natural and manmade disasters, and our military personnel and police who are working to protect our country. Give them Your comfort, Your protection, and Your blessing. Watch over the volunteers who will work at the Midwest Food Bank and the Friday lunch program this week. Help them lovingly serve those in need of food and care.

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**