

## **PRAYERS for March 20, 2022—Third Sunday of Lent**

**Worship Assistant:** On this third Sunday of Lent, 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 caring for us, even when we fail to bear the fruit You desire. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. Help us to follow You better, to serve You in all we do, and to bear good fruit.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Father, everyone who loves You isn't free to follow You. So many are persecuted for Your name's sake. Remember Your everlasting covenant; remember Your steadfast love. Help those who suffer because of their love for You to bear up in the face of adversity. Be their strength and shield.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Gracious God, You are so good to us at Word of God. Thank You for the precious new families who joined our congregation last week. We ask that You bless their lives as part of Word of God, and that You bless Word of God through them. Strengthen the bonds of fellowship in informal ways, in friendship and in work for the congregation, and through organized events. In particular we pray for the ladies' lunch fellowship that starts tomorrow, that Your hand would be over all of it. Teach us to trust in Your word rather than to put Christ to the test. Teach us to do Your will rather than to grumble. Teach us to love You more.

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

**Worship Assistant:** King of Kings, Isaiah reminded us from thousands of years ago that Your ways aren't our ways. There is so much chaos in the world right now, from the war in Ukraine which commands our attention to the economic perils which we live with daily. Father, we are seeking You now. We call upon You. Hear us. Bring peace, real peace, to this world. Teach us to seek peace in our homes and communities, that we each effect change where we can. We pray specifically for those in positions who can affect peace on a global scale, that Your will would be done through them.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Eternal Comforter, we see suffering on our screens and in our towns. We see children fleeing war; we see men and women who are sick; we see victims of mental illness and drug abuse. We know Your heart hurts from the brokenness of it, too. And yet there is more suffering that we don't know because we don't see. You know, Father, because You see. How much more does Your heart break from these unseen trials? We lift up to You each one who suffers, Lord, and ask that You ease their suffering and heal their heartbreak. 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, 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**