

PRAYERS for March 14, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship Assistant: On this fourth Sunday in 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: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings that You have given us and for Your immeasurable love of the world. Help us to faithfully acknowledge Your majesty and power during this Lenten season and help us draw near to You and to the cross. We know that Your love for us is far deeper than we can ever imagine. Father, we give all praise to You. You gave us the gift of Your Son; help us to always be thankful for that gift.

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

Worship Assistant: Good and gracious Lord, we pray today for all people who are in positions of authority and those who work for peace; for the military and all who defend us; for those who will die and those who are born this day; for all the baptized and those who have not yet come to its saving water. We pray for those who teach and those who learn; for those who work and those who seek employment; for those who set their hands to any honest labor and those who are retired; for those who travel, those who are confined to their homes from Covid or other illness, and those who have no homes. We ask Your protection for those who are persecuted because they love You, for You are the most important voice and light in their lives.

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

Worship Assistant: Father God, we thank You for this place of worship, for this Christian fellowship, for the teachers and pastors who share the stories of Jesus with all those who enter our doors, and for the work being done here in Your name. Lead us to tell the story of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and His love for us, and that He came to save and not to condemn us. Grant us the new life in You while we are yet here in the flesh and grant us the eternal life when our time on this earth is over.

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

Worship Assistant: Healing Shepherd, You hear the cries of people in need. You sent Your Son to seek out and save those who are lost, those who are suffering, and those who are in pain. Receive the petitions of Your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and love. Encourage all who need uplifting, protect all who live in fear, celebrate all who are rejoicing, and cheer all who have sadness in their hearts. Watch over our precious children and keep them safe in school and at home. Be with all the friends and families on our prayer list and those whose name we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 20 for names.) Lord, in Your mercy..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Holy God, Your Son is the light that takes away the darkness of this world. We ask that You enter into us, let us be ambassadors for Christ, and enable Your light to shine through us for others to see Your love and care. Be with the volunteers who will work at the Real Life Center this week, the people who serve You in the many local, national, and international groups supported by Word of God, and all those who are caring for family members or friends in our community. Let these works be clearly seen as being carried out in Your name.

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**