

## **PRAYERS for March 7, 2021 – Third Sunday in Lent**

**Worship Assistant:** On this third Sunday in Lent, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**Worship Assistant:** God in Heaven, Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever – not ours, only Yours. We come into Your presence today with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of praise. It comforts us to know that Your Son died for us because we are sinners, and we thank Him for the good He prepared for us by His suffering, death, and resurrection. Father, we feel Your presence with us and worship You in spirit and in truth. Fill our worship with grace, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to You, our Rock, and our Redeemer.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Lord God, we pray for calm in our country and around the world. We know that You are saddened to see such suffering as men, women, and children are injured, sickened, or killed. We pray for justice. We pray for governments and leaders. We pray for soldiers and civilians caught in the evils of fear, terror, and loneliness. May Your truth and light shine in the darkness so that where there is only hatred, Your love will prevail; where there is only darkness, Your light will prevail; where there is only sin, Your mercy will prevail.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Mighty Jesus, in Your hands are all things in heaven and on earth. With the preaching of Your Word, there goes forth a power that is the mightiest in all the world – a power to bless, a power to comfort, a power to strengthen, and a power to preserve. We feel that power in us, a power as of the One whom we must love because He first loved us. Lord, we hold Your cross before us as we journey through this life on earth. We know we will feel Your power if we look up at Your cross with unflinching faith in You. One day we hope to stand before You in heaven when our lives on this earth are done.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Merciful and healing Lord, sometimes the usual pattern of our lives is disrupted by illness, injury, or loss, and we do not understand why it happens. Sit beside us and help us learn the purpose that our problems are going to accomplish. Help us to see how much and how often we rely on our own strengths, cleverness, and abilities. Then remind us that we belong to You, that we should rely on You, and that we should wait on You. Thank You for becoming human, for sharing our suffering, and for giving us hope. Be with us this day, with those on our prayer list, and with the people whose names 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:** Eternal Father, we are often led astray by our worldly passions. We live in troublesome times. All around us we see great moral and spiritual confusion, and we forget that You gave us commandments to guide us through our lives. We see grave dangers in our world. We cannot know the full meaning of the chaos that surrounds us, but we have faith that You will restore order in Your time. Father, draw us back to You if we stray. Help us to repent and strive to be more like Jesus as we pray, work, and help others.

**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**