

**PRAYERS for May 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Worship Assistant:** On this sixth Sunday of Easter, let us pray to our Risen Savior on behalf of the church, the world, and for all people according to their needs.

**Worship Assistant:** Eternal God and Father, You are God of the heavens and God of the earth; God of the past and God of the future; God of the truth and God of the life. We thank You for Your many blessings, Your steadfast love, and Your tender mercy. As we join with our fellow Christians all over the world in hymns, prayers, and meditations, let us not only hear Your Word but also follow Your Word. We give You thanks and eternal praise for being our faithful God and saving us with Your unfaltering love.

*Risen Savior.....hear our prayer.*

**Worship Assistant:** Heavenly Savior, thank You for Your faithful servants who have openly proclaimed what otherwise would have been hidden from us: that You are true God and true man, crucified and raised from the dead for the forgiveness of sin unto eternal life. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to teach, comfort and guide us on Your path forever. Many people suffer because they are starving for Your Word of life, truth, forgiveness, and salvation. Set free Your Holy Spirit throughout the world, so that our leaders seek to obey our Father's will. Teach all of us to seek peace, have hope, love mercy, and walk humbly in Your sight.

*Risen Savior.....hear our prayer.*

**Worship Assistant:** Precious Lord, You care tenderly for Your people. Therefore, we ask Your blessing on mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all caring women who nurture and prepare children for earthly and eternal Life. Give them Your own patience, steadfastness, tenderness, and wisdom. Give them Your strength to be faithful in the roles that You have given them. Remind us to always show our appreciation to the mothers who are with us today, to those who live away, and to those who have already gone to be with You.

*Risen Savior.....hear our prayer.*

**Worship Assistant:** Almighty God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the great physician of our souls and bodies. We ask You to grant Your peace to those who are sick, all who are in pain, those who are hurt, those who are filled with remorse, and all who are grieving. Continue to remind us that You are God, and we are not. Help Your children find strength in quietness, confidence, and prayer. We give ourselves into Your presence knowing that in You we will find peace. Let Your healing touch be felt in the lives of all the people on our prayer list and those friends and families whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

*(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Risen Savior.....hear our prayer.*

**Worship Assistant:** Protecting Spirit, guide, protect, and strengthen all who defend life and liberty here and around the world. Be the shield and defender of those who risk their lives for our sake. When they are wounded or stressed, bring healing and peace to them and to their loved ones. Turn the hearts of those who seek to do us harm with senseless acts of violence and give us Your peace when our hearts are troubled. Strengthen the hearts of people who despair about the chaos in our world. Give us the hope that we need to carry us through difficult situations and continually remind us that our times are in Your hands.

*Risen Savior.....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**