

PRAYERS for May 22, 2022 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: On this sixth Sunday of Easter, 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, give us a sense of Your presence as we gather today for worship. Give us gratitude as we remember Your goodness; thankfulness as we remember that You chose us; and joy as we remember Your love. We thank You that You have prepared our hearts for what You say to us this morning. We thank You that You have prepared our eyes so that we might see You and know You. We thank You that we are able to sing joyous songs and praises to You with not only our lips but also with our hearts, our souls, and all that we are. We ask You to be gracious to us, bless us, and make Your face to shine upon us.

Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Steadfast God, in our hearts and minds we know that prayer is a two-way conversation. When we are discouraged, remind us to pray. When we are lonely, help us bring our sadness to You in prayer. When we rejoice, help us share our gladness with You in prayer. We thank You for listening to us. Help us to remember to be patient and listen to You when You speak to us. We know that You have prepared an everlasting home for us with You in heaven. Thank You for that promise of eternal life so we can face the future with hope and with many prayers.

Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Holy Father, we pray for our world; for its leaders; for all people, especially those who are most burdened by the sorrows and horrors of war, poverty, hatred, abuse, disease and despair. Bestow Your Holy Spirit upon us all: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord; and most of all, the Spirit of joy in Your presence. We ask You to be with us as a very present help in trouble, making us certain of Your close presence.

Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Healing Spirit, comfort Your people who are hurting today. Spread Your love over us and draw us more closely into the peaceful fellowship of Christ where there is forgiveness, gladness, and rest. Give patience to those who are in need of healing; give joy to those who have conquered disease; give peace to those who are in the last stages of life; and give strength to the caregivers who are seeing family members through difficult times. 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.) Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

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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. Bring healing, hope, and peace to our citizens who have been impacted by the recent violence within our country. Turn the hearts of those who seek to do us harm and give us Your peace when our hearts are troubled. And always remind us that our times, our lives, our hearts, and our joy are in Your hands. **Alleluia, Risen Lord.....** *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**