

PRAYERS for May 28, 2023 – Pentecost

Worship Assistant: In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to God the Father, that through his dear Son, He would accomplish His will for the Church, the world, and all people for whom we pray.

Worship Assistant: God our Father, we praise You and thank You for giving us the gift of Your Holy Spirit. We thank You for touching us with the flame of truth, holiness, faithfulness, and kindness. Thank You for giving us the opportunity to know Your treasure and authority and for helping us know the way of life which is in Christ Jesus. Take our minds and our voices into Your power and use them to praise You, O Lord.

Holy Spirit.....*hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Guiding Spirit, we pray that You will renew the hearts, minds, worship, and life of this congregation. Make us agreeable and loving, joyful and kind, faithful and forgiving, generous and patient, humble and courageous. Teach us to pray, worship, witness, serve, and love in ways that shine the light of Christ on the lives of those who need it most. Make us truly be like Jesus, and use us to draw others into His nearer presence so that our Word of God family may be nourished and fed.

Holy Spirit.....*hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Loving Spirit, You gave the apostles words to proclaim Your saving truth to pilgrims from many nations. We pray today that You help us use our words wisely and well. Give us a passion for speaking truth in love. Discipline our tongues to refrain from using words that hurt our friends and families, to avoid telling convenient lies, and to refuse to use language that fuels passions. Instead, teach us to focus on those things that please You. Help us to keep Your peace with us in our homes, in our jobs, in our communities, and in our country. Support us when we venture out into the chaos of the world, and remind us that chaos is temporary, but Your peace is perfect and eternal.

Holy Spirit.....*hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Healing Spirit, comfort Your people who are hurting today. We know that You are with us when we are strong but also when we are weak. You never leave our sides, even when we might wander off from You. Remind us that through Your gracious gift of faith, You enable us to walk in the Spirit and to live in hope. Give all of us Your comfort when our hearts are troubled. We ask You to sustain all those who are persecuted on account of Jesus. Give wisdom and gentleness to their words and courage to their actions. This morning, we also ask You to be with all our friends and families on our prayer list and those whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Holy Spirit.....*hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Protecting Spirit, be the shield and defender of all who risk their lives in the defense of others and in the service of our country. Especially on this Memorial Day weekend, help us to trust Your power to keep safe our soldiers as we remember those who have fought for our freedoms. Let their bravery be true examples of selfless sacrifice and service for all. Help our citizens converse with each other with patience and encouragement, and help all of us, with our differing ideas, follow Your Word and try to build a better world for all.

Holy Spirit.....*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**