

PRAYERS for November 6, 2022 – All Saints Sunday

Worship Assistant: On this All Saints Sunday, 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: Merciful God, we thank You for the privilege of gathering with our Word of God family to worship You. It is with joy that we sing Your praises, with eager minds that we listen to Your message, and with willing hearts that we learn Your Word. You desire to see Your children give You glory and to feel the hearts of all Your people lifted in prayer. You have so richly blessed us with life, with love, with joy, and with hope; sometimes even in the midst of despair.

Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Gracious Lord, with gratitude and love, we entrust our faithful departed loved ones into Your care. Comfort all who grieve, who feel lonely, and who feel lost. We thank You for the lives of those who have been called into Your heavenly presence, and we ask You to help us keep their names forever securely in our hearts. Guide us so that we may help one another through the sorrows of this earthly life. As members of the Body of Christ, we know that when we leave this earth, we will be united with You and our loved ones in heavenly joy. Help us to never forget Your promise that our reward will be great in heaven.

Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Dear Father, as we approach the day of the midterm election in our country, we pray for Your Spirit to guide us through this time of decision making. Give us minds that are able to discern Your will; hearts that are ready to seek the good of our whole country; and spirits that are teachable, humble, repentant, and righteous. Strengthen those responsible for overseeing and tallying votes. Fill those candidates seeking office with a willingness to work together and to assure peace no matter who is elected. Help us all to believe with certainty that this is truly one nation under God.

Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Almighty Father, look down upon us from the highest heaven with compassion and healing. For those who mourn or are lonely, we ask You to walk beside them. For those who are wandering from Your path, we ask You to lead them. For those who are tired or depressed, we ask You to carry them. For those who are sick or hurt, we ask You to comfort them and help them cope with their burdens. We especially ask You to be with all our friends and families who are on our prayer list and all those whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Lord God, we pray that until Your peace is established in this world, good men and women must risk their lives defending life, liberty, and justice. Bless and protect these brave people; bring them safely home; heal their wounds to body and spirit; and use their service as building blocks for a happier and safer world. We also ask You to shelter their families from fear and worry for the safety of their loved ones. Lord, we beseech You today to destroy the spirit of lawlessness, violence, and hate in our country. Let Your kingdom come and Your will be done among us.

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**