

## **PRAYERS for November 7, 2021 – 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 together 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. We have a sense of awe as we come to You this day because You are the King of Glory, the Lord of Hosts, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. We thank You for bringing Pastor Jason and Jessica to Word of God, and we ask You to bless the work that will be done in Your name.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Eternal God and Father, God of the heavens and God of the earth, God of the future and God of the past, we believe that there will be a time when You will change the order of this earth. All of the former things will pass away, and we will see a new heaven and a new earth. You did not create us so that we might live in darkness. Death and sorrow, crying and pain, will be no more. You have such a deep heart of love that You would weep tears of grief for Your children. Let us be moved by Your tears to a faith and a love which brings us to surrender ourselves to You.

**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 whose grief is recent, continuing, and deep. 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 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 our loved ones in heavenly joy. Help us to never forget Your promise that one day we will also be united with You in paradise.

**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 and heal them. We ask You to especially 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 20 seconds for names.) Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Heavenly Father, we offer our thanks to You for blessing us with the guidance and encouragement of Pastor Kollmeyer over the past months. In Your name, he led us through a time of transition and our journey to seek a new shepherd for Word of God. We will continue to pray for Pastor Kollmeyer and his family as he finally enjoys his time of retirement. Holy Spirit, we ask You to take under Your special protection all those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and all who are charged with maintaining safety, justice, and peace in times and places of unrest and conflict.

**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**