

PRAYERS for October 16, 2022—Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost, 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: Eternal Father, thank you for the new covenant of life that You gave us through Jesus Christ. Write Your laws on our hearts. Put Your law within us. Teach us to be truly united in love. As Your church on Earth, we only want to know You. Clear the obstacles in our way and let us be Your hands and feet in the world.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Compassionate Lord, Your word is sweeter than honey. Grant that all those persecuted around the world for Your name's sake would taste that sweetness. Protect them and guide them through difficult times. Bear up those who suffer physically. Strengthen those who suffer in less obvious ways, through mental anguish or economic hardship.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Loving God, thank You for the beautiful community of believers here at Word of God. Hold our feet back from every evil way as we seek to follow You. We pray also for the babies at Loma de Luz who will be comforted by the baby blankets the Youth and MOM team will be making. Thank You for many opportunities we have to serve You in our community and the larger world.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: King of kings, we pray for the welfare of all earthly leaders, knowing that their authority is only a small reflection of Your own. Grant that we may live peaceful lives; grant that we would guard against following leaders who have unsound teachings, who preach myths, who encourage wandering, who satisfy our own itching ears. We pray also for the welfare of all those in our community who are first responders in times of crisis, and for members of our military.

Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Merciful Jesus, we remember those who suffer in all kinds of ways. We will be persistent in asking for their healing and their rescue from every kind of suffering. We hold onto hope that You will give them justice as we cry to you day and night. We ask that you be with each person on our prayer list, and those whose names we speak out loud now or say silently in our hearts.

(With 20 seconds for names.) **Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

Worship Assistant: Blessed Lord, we pray that You will find us faithful when You return. Help us to follow the example of believers who have gone on to be with You now. Lead us into all truth as we meditate on Your law and on Your testimonies.

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**