

## **PRAYERS for September 11, 2022 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Assistant:** On this fourteenth Sunday after 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:** Gracious Lord, we thank You for gathering us together today to worship You and to hear Your Word. You are the King: eternal, immortal, and invisible. Thank You for daily providing us with all that we need to support our lives, for defending us against danger, and for protecting us from all evil. When Your voice comes to us through the Bible, help us to understand its message, to apply its principles to our lives, and to purposely act on what we learn. Bless us with humility, gentleness, and wisdom to know You more each day.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Loving Father, thank You for Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for making Him our Good Shepherd. Thank You for loving us so much that You have granted us forgiveness, life, and fellowship with You. We know that we are absolutely dependent on Your mercy. We ask You to guard us against any doubt and make us faithful so that we do not ever deny You. Help us to remain faithful so that our faith is not just on our lips but also in our hearts. We ask You to keep us strong in purpose, strong in patience, and strong in endurance so that we may walk with You each day.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Lord God, make us ever mindful of our words. Our world can be a difficult place, and many of Your children can become discouraged or afraid. Make each of us powerful sources of encouragement to all those around us, and let our words and deeds be worthy of the priceless gift of eternal life that You have given us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We do not know our futures on this earth, but we ask You to keep the hope of heaven fresh in our hearts. We know that if we believe, we will spend eternity with You.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Healing Father, we come to You on behalf of those who are suffering today and in need of Your comfort. You promise to open Your hand and fulfill the desire of every living creature. Bring peace to those whose lives are torn apart by abuse, hunger, grief, pain, or illness. We pray that You grant the gifts of health and hope, comfort and guidance, strength and cheer to all whose need is great. Reassure the people who will come to the Real Life Center this week. We especially 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.)** **Lord, in Your mercy.....** *hear our prayer.*

**Worship Assistant:** Heavenly Father, we pray for our world and especially for all those who live in places of conflict. We live among some people who say there is no God. Father, help their unbelief. We ask You to stay near us and to guide us with Your ultimate wisdom. On this day, we remember and grieve those who have lost their lives in terrorist attacks. We thank You for those who risked, and often gave, their lives trying to bring safety and life out of chaos and death. We pray that hatred, violence, fanaticism, and injustice may cease throughout the world, and that Your gracious and holy will should fill every heart and every land.

**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**