

PRAYERS for September 26, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this eighteenth 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: Father on high, we lift up our hearts to You in adoration and praise for our help is in You. We thank You for Your fellowship with us, and we pray that You will help us share this fellowship with others. When we worship You, we are truly blessed. When we fail to give You glory, we forfeit the spiritual riches which You have given us. We ask You to lead us on the path of true godliness, the path of repentance and faith, and the path of trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for Your message of love that fills us with the desire to live for Jesus who died for us.

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

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, as we lift up our eyes to You and away from the uncertainties of this world, draw our hearts upward from this earth and all our earthly concerns, and let us live with You in the Spirit. Cleanse us of all worldliness and relieve us of the anxieties which make us forget Your love and care. Impress on us that You have called us to pray daily as we seek to be the salt of the earth. Impress on us that You ask us to look for the salt inside ourselves that we might be more like You. Guide us to have harmony with our family of believers, with our friends and neighbors, and with our fellow Americans. Father, be with us at our meeting today as we follow Your lead and vote on Pastor Jason.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious Father, with so many things in our world that bring us stress right now, make us people of constant prayer, and remind us to take everything to You in prayer. Lord, we pray for healing for ourselves and for forgiveness for others. We pray for all who struggle against any temptation to sin. Only You know what burdens they bear and what demons they battle. We pray for our own struggles against sin: past, present, and future. Let each of us be Your obedient servants and forgive others just as You have forgiven us.

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

Worship Assistant: Father in heaven, You ask us to pray for those who are suffering that they may be healed. We know that You give comfort and strength to those who are in need. Let Your loving hands rest upon all who are sick or injured, lonely or depressed, homeless or jobless, persecuted or mistreated, waiting on test results or treatment. Be with all those families who have lost loved ones to Covid or those who are waiting for complete recovery. We especially ask You to be with all people on our prayer list and the families and friends 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: Saving Lord, help us to remember, defend, and assist those Christians who are persecuted for their faith in You. Grant that their faith, hope, and love may be a shining witness in places of spiritual darkness. We also pray for our country that is suffering from greed, division, injustice, and unkindness. Give our leaders grace to think, speak, and act according to Your will. Help all of us to treat our neighbors with respect, kindness, and justice, so that we may live peaceably with one another. Protect our brave military personnel and police who daily put their lives on the line to keep our citizens safe from the evil that surrounds 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**