

## PRAYERS for September 5, 2021 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Worship Assistant:** On this fifteenth 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:** Almighty Lord, we gather here this morning to worship You and to thank You for all that You do for us. We do not do so in an attempt to earn Your favor or to beg for Your blessing, but rather we seek You because You first sought us. We know that You are here with us, O Lord. We ask that You stay with us, accept our prayers this morning, and receive the joyful praise that we offer to You. We ask that You enrich our faith so that we can increase our patience, love, and good will for others.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Steadfast Lord, on this Labor Day weekend, we thank You for the gifts, talents, and skills that allow us to serve others through all manner of callings. As we think about our careers, our occupations, and our jobs, help us turn to You in thanksgiving and ask for Your continued guidance on how we can truly glorify You in our daily lives. When we are tired, give us strength. When we are frustrated, give us patience. When we are unsure of our purpose in life, give us passion to listen to You. When we have completed our work, let all honor and glory be Yours.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Heavenly Father, it is to You that we look for every good thing. You are the fountain of all blessings. Your resources are never exhausted, Your storehouses are never empty, and Your trees bear fruit continuously. We desire the good gifts and the perfect gifts which can only come from You. Father, we look to You above all else for the gifts which will make us pleasing in Your sight: eagerness to hear Your Word, slowness to speak words of doubt, actions and not just words, and cleanliness of thoughts and deeds.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Healing Lord, let Your Spirit abide with those whose lives are torn apart by tragedy, war, terrorism, or natural disasters. May they be encouraged by the knowledge that in the midst of their troubles, You have not abandoned them but are walking beside them. Be with those people who are rebuilding their lives after the storms and those who are building new lives after leaving their homes. Help us all to know that You are big enough, strong enough, and powerful enough to take care of our troubles. We especially ask You to be with all the 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:** Eternal Lord, we pray for those people around the world who are persecuted for their faith, whether physical, psychologically, or economically. Protect and comfort them. Grant them continued strength. Pour out Your Spirit on those people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, those who are suffering sadness for the end of their independence, or those who are enduring separation of a family member or friend. Thank You for giving us so many friends and family members who have touched our lives and shared special moments with us. Continue to remind us that through Your death and resurrection we have the promise of eternal life. Stamp Your name on our hearts so that we may live eternally in Your presence.

**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**