

PRAYERS for April 24, 2022 – Second Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: On this second Sunday of Easter, 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: Living God, we give thanks that You love us and freed us from our sins. Long ago, faithful men and women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them; help us keep our witness as bold; help us keep our love as deep; and help us keep our conviction as true. Even though we have not seen our Lord in the flesh, we believe in Him. Open our hearts to Your power this morning.

Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: God our Father, Your Son said, "Peace be with you," to his disciples who were hiding in fear. Bring Your peace, Your hope, and Your good news to people who are hiding in fear today. Protect those who serve our country in harm's way and protect Christians who live in places where faith brings death. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what You do on our behalf, but what You call on us to do. Grant us faith to trust in Your Son's risen presence, so that with Thomas and those who have gone before us, we may see His glory. Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as You have blessed us, we may be a blessing to others.

Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Holy Jesus, as we pray about worries, problems, and stress in our lives and in the lives of others, let us also pray for an increase in spirituality in the hearts and minds of those around us. Help all of us to see that by faith in You and love for You, we will know the fullness of joy in Your presence and the salvation of our souls that only comes from You. Thank You, Lord, for releasing us from past failings knowing that You have given each of us a fresh start. Help us to use our faith to be joyful Christians and live in unity with others.

Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, You are the Alpha and the Omega. You are the comforter and healer of those in physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual need. We lift up to You all our brothers and sisters who are in need of Your help. Bring peace to those whose lives are torn apart by addictions, lack of employment, hunger, homelessness, divorce, and separation from family. Let Your touch be felt in the lives of all the people on our prayer list and those friends and families whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Risen Savior, we have so many things for which to pray. Pour Your Holy Spirit on the people of Word of God. Give us a hunger for Your Word, a thirst for Your goodness, a vision of Your love of all people, and a desire to serve others in Your name. Especially be with all the young men and women who courageously serve in the military service, those who protect us in the fire and police services, and the medical personnel who work to heal our bodies. Grant to us all that is in accordance with Your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish Your salvation among us; for You are risen from the dead and dwell in majesty with Your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *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**