

PRAYERS for August 14, 2022 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this tenth 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: Heavenly Father, what joy it is to know that You are everywhere, and that You are always ready to save us, to guide us, to comfort us, and to give us Your blessing. For this, we give You thanks and praise. We live by Your mighty hand and our lives are preserved by Your loving care. For this, we give You thanks and praise.

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

Worship Assistant: Loving Father, sometimes Your Word confuses and unsettles us. We are uncomfortable when You speak about divine fire, judgment, and division. Give us ears to rightly hear and hearts to rightly repent. Give us grace to show the fruit of repentant faith to Your glory. Make us courageous and steadfast in our faith. Help us comfort those who mourn; nourish those who hunger for food, fellowship, or forgiveness; and help others become mature in their faith. You say that You are always with us, so we ask You to teach us to feel Your presence. When this world seems a fearful place, we want to feel Your presence. When we are filled with uncertainty, we need to feel Your presence. When we look for mercy and comfort, remind us to look for You.

Worship Assistant: Gracious Father, we are so blessed because we have knowledge of You. Help us to always remember that You send us this knowledge by the faithful preaching of Your Word. You send men and women to testify about the life and death of our dear Savior. You send the Holy Spirit to plant faith in our hearts. We thank You for the message of faith that You give us. We rejoice in faith; we live in faith; we will one day die in faith. May we hold fast to our faith in the face of danger, trial, or challenge. Give us courage to boldly proclaim Your Word, just as brave and strong Christians who are being persecuted around the world stand firm in their faith.

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

Worship Assistant: Merciful God, look upon us with favor and be with us through our worries, our troubles, our sorrows, and our pain. In Your love, let us find peace. In Your Word, let us find hope. In Your promises, let us find comfort and strength. We ask You to make whole what is broken in all who are afflicted by illness, injury, grief, or depression, and give them patience to wait for Your healing. 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: Holy Father, lead us on the path of true godliness, the path of continual faith, and the path of trust in Your Son. In this time of unrest in our country, this time of danger for our police and citizens, this time of risk for our military, show us Your steadfast love and grant all of us Your protection. We ask that through us Your will is accomplished in the lives of many people as we show Your love to those in need who come to the Midwest Food Bank and the Real Life Center for food and help. Lead us to use our voices to proclaim Your name and our hands to do Your work.

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**