

**PRAYERS for August 15, 2021 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Assistant:** On this twelfth 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:** Holy Father, great and powerful, we lift our hearts and voices in praise to You today as we glorify You for Your great goodness, Your tender love, and Your constant care. We thank You with our whole hearts each day for Your mighty power that is at work within and around us. You have done great things for us, and we ask for Your help to always be what You would have us be and do what You would have us do.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Great God, You established Your Church on the solid rock of Christ and on the faithful witness of Your apostles. Make the Church truly the one body of Christ on this earth. Use the Holy Spirit to make the Church committed, wise, and caring. We pray for our call team that is working to find Word of God a new Pastor who will be our shepherd and teacher of Your mighty Word. We pray that we will all follow Your lead on this important journey.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Gracious God, we praise You for the priceless gifts that You have given us. We thank You for Your creation, for Your Son, and for the opportunities and talents that You have given to each of us. Help us to discover our talents, to nourish them, and to help them grow. Then, lead us to share these unique gifts with the world for the glory of Your kingdom. We ask You to be with the volunteers who will do Your work at the Real Life Center Mobile Food Pantry and the Midwest Food Bank this week. Encourage all our Sunday School and Bible Study students to mature in their understanding of Your creation, to grow in their knowledge of You, and to dig deeper into Your Word as our classes begin again next week.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Lord Jesus, strength of the weary and a present help in times of trouble. We pray that You would grant the bread of health and salvation to those who are suffering; that You would strengthen them on their journey; that You would surround them with compassion, friendship, and encouragement; and that You would keep them steadfast in faith and strong in hope. Encourage all Christians to speak, to act, and to pray with boldness and unfaltering endurance. 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:** Blessed Lord, we come to You today to ask for Your protection for our country and its people. We know that our enemies are many and powerful, within and outside our borders. Give our earthly leaders competence and wisdom. Remind them that You cast down the arrogant from their thrones but lift up the lowly. Let the message of Your Gospel lead us to pray daily to overcome all obstacles that would deny us a safe and secure country. Thank you for the service of those in our military, all first responders, and all medical personnel. Give them courage in dangerous and exhausting situations. Heal those who are wounded and shelter those who fall in the line of duty. Bring swiftly and safely home those whose work is not yet done; and grant us all your peace.

**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**