

PRAYERS for August 28, 2022 – 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, and we thank You for the privilege of coming to You in prayer. 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. Help us 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 who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Make the Church truly the one body of Christ on this earth and use the Holy Spirit to make the Church committed, wise, and caring. Let us keep our hearts true to Your mission, faithful to Your Word, and filled with steadfast faith. Help us to remember that at all times, we speak, act, and live in the presence of Your Son. Let Your strong saving love be reflected in the way we treat one another.

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

Worship Assistant: Father God, forgive us when we worry because that means we have a lack of trust in Your ability to meet all our needs. We worry about health, about safety, about politics, about relationships, about family, about finances, and about other small and large challenges in our lives. Give us a little nudge to remind us that we need to give our troubles and worries to You, and keep us mindful that there is nothing that happens in our lives that You can not handle. Give us wisdom to trust in You, and give us courage to live our lives in faith and not in fear.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord Jesus, You are the 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. We thank You, Lord, for walking with us on our sometimes difficult journeys and for hearing us when we cry out to You. We know that we can trust that You will be with us always. We especially ask You to watch over 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: Blessed Lord, we come to You today to ask for Your protection for our country and its people. Bless this land with peace, justice, prosperity, and integrity. Guide our leaders and direct them to follow Your wisdom and power. Surround our soldiers who are away from their families and friends with protection and comfort. Give the members of our law enforcement community courage in times of danger, gentleness to those who are hurt, and sympathy for those whom they serve. We especially thank You for receiving all who have died trusting in You, and ask You to quiet the souls of all who mourn for them.

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**