

**PRAYERS for February 13, 2022 - Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Worship Assistant:** Please remain standing for the prayers. On this sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, 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:** Great and wondrous God, we thank You for Your grace and for Your mercy. You do so much for us without any merit within us. Each day is a gift of Your love for Your people. Each breath we take is a sign of Your sustaining power. Each beat of our hearts is a symbol of Your creation. We honor You; we praise You; we thank You.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Father on high, You have given Your Holy Spirit to the church to lead us into all truth. Lead the volunteers who will work at the Real Life Center and the Midwest Food Bank this week. Help them extend Your love to those who are hungry and in need. Lead all Americans to strive for gentleness, forgiveness, compassion, self-control, and healing in our divided country.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Heavenly Father, You called us into the body of Christ. Help us to live as one in Him. Unite us in the common purpose of planting and bringing forth fruit in one another, in our children and grandchildren, and in our friends, neighbors, and members of our community. Bring quarrels, angry words, hurt feelings, and violence to an end. Give us wisdom to comfort, challenge, and support friends and family members who struggle to repent of offenses they have caused; who worry about how to forgive those who have betrayed their trust; and who attempt to remain faithful to Your Son, Jesus Christ. You have asked us to pray for our enemies and for everyone who is unreceptive to Your Word. Open their hearts and bring them to a true faith in Your Son.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Divine Physician, healer of all human bodies and souls, we ask You to stretch out Your hand and touch us. Watch over those in need of Your healing, Your wisdom, and Your comfort. Be with all people who are in need of Your bodily healing. Bring them strength, hope, and wellness. Be with all people who are in need of Your spiritual healing. Deliver them from evil; grant them hope; and restore them to fellowship with all who love them. Be with our military, police, and first responders. Keep them safe and strong. We especially pray today for all those people who are on our prayer list and on our minds as we speak their names out loud or say them silently in our hearts.

**(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

**Worship Assistant:** Everlasting God, our hearts are sometimes heavy as we pray for our sisters and brothers in the faith who experience danger, persecution, and even death on account of Jesus. Set before us their example of faithful obedience to Your Word. Grant that their witness may bring repentance and faith among those who torment them. Lord, we know that with You nothing is impossible. Teach us to believe that You are with us as You were with the people long ago. Lord, we know that You are in control.

**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**