

PRAYERS for February 21, 2021 – First Sunday in Lent

Worship Assistant: On this first Sunday in Lent, 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: Father in heaven, we are so blessed because You gave us Your Son. During these forty days of Lent, we thank You for giving us knowledge of You through the Bible and through the faithful preaching of Your Word. Bring us to the cross so that we may know how You love us and gave Yourself for us. Teach us to love You more wholly, praise You more fully, and thank You more often. We thank You for giving us Your Holy Spirit to put faith and understanding in our hearts. We worship You; we praise You; and we serve only You.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord Jesus, You went all the way to the cross to redeem Your lost and sinful children. Graciously look upon us during this Lenten season and let us find cleansing and healing in Your precious blood. You are our strength and our protector. We put our trust in You that You will teach us Your ways and Your paths. You comfort us when we are troubled, lift us up when we are discouraged, and show us Your steadfast love when we need hope. Help us be generous, show compassion, and have understanding for all who cross our paths. Let our love for You shine through each of us today and every day.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord Jesus, help us to think about Your passion each day during this time of Lent. Help us to follow You from the Garden to Calvary; to pray that we may deny temptation; and to find quiet places and times where we can meet You often so that we may live lives of prayer. Remind us to stop and listen to You when we pray. Grant pastors grace to proclaim Your glorious message; grant teachers and students faith to grow in the knowledge of Christ; and grant Your followers the strength and will to share Your Word and peace with others.

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

Worship Assistant: Healing Father, You are able to create something out of nothing. Our hearts are sometimes reduced to nothingness by doubts, fears, grief, and despair. Help us to trust in Your goodness, Your grace, Your timing, and Your forgiveness. Receive our thanks and remind us that You are always by our side as our heavenly Father. Encourage the volunteers who will work at the Real Life Center Mobile Food Pantry this week. Their service is done to Your glory. Be with us, the friends and families on our prayer list, and the people whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 20 for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Gracious Father, we commend our departed loved ones into Your keeping and thank You for the blessings that they have been to us. We thank You for people who choose lives of service: especially members of our military, police officers, fire fighters, first responders, medical professionals, missionaries, pastors, and teachers. Be with them and their families as they serve our country and its people. Help us use this Lenten season to honor Your sacrifice by following Your example and also using our talents to serve others. Throughout the pandemic, the shutdown, and the turmoil, we continue to pray for our country and our leaders. Please bring peace and healing to our nation.

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