

**PRAYERS for February 28, 2021 – Second Sunday in Lent**

**Worship Assistant:** On this second 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:** Almighty God, what joy it is to know You and to feel the nearness of Your presence as we go through this earthly life with both joys and sorrows. You are our light in the darkness and our salvation in life. Thank You for giving us strength that we may be a blessing to others and to proclaim Jesus Christ to all people. Thank You for showing us that our sins are forgiven and for allowing us to worship You during this Lenten season and through this time of the pandemic. We feel fortunate that we have a place to safely gather, and we are grateful for Your grace, Your promises, and Your Word.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Lord God, You are our helper, our redeemer, and our closest friend. Just as Abraham had faith, let us continue to grow in our faith in You. Even though others may forsake us, we know that You will always be with us. We do not deserve such grace on Your part, but yet we come to You, confident that You are near. Our greatest joys are that You would rescue us from sin and have promised us eternal life if we believe in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to reach out in faith, and let our hearts take courage so that You will give us peace and heal our broken or struggling spirits.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Holy Spirit, You are the Spirit of truth and purity. We know that You want to work in the hearts of all of us to help us grow in our faith and in our Christian life. Sometimes we try to deter You. Sometimes we try to go our own way. Sometimes we care more about our physical concerns, and we are thoughtless about our spiritual concerns. We ask You not to give up on Your children. We ask that You make us new: in mind, in heart, in soul, in life. Remain with our Word of God family as we continue with our search for a new Pastor. We are following Your lead.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Father God, You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to be the great physician of our souls and our bodies. Deliver rest to those who wait upon You; give courage to those who suffer from anxiety and doubt; impart skill to the doctors who care for the sick, injured, and those dealing with the Covid crisis; and grant safety to the police who protect our communities. Help the citizens of our nation to heal from the devastation of winter storms, closing of businesses, loneliness from the lockdowns, and loss of loved ones. 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:** Lord God, ruler of all men, we ask that You help our people honor our laws, help our citizens exercise our freedoms, and help all Americans pray for our nation. We are in desperate need of a responsible government, wise judges, legislators with integrity, and leaders who are honest and follow Your Word. We thank You for our military men and women who put their lives in danger to protect our country and its people.

**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**