

PRAYERS for January 2, 2022—Second Sunday After Christmas

Worship Assistant: On this the second Sunday after Christmas, 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: Redeemer of the world, gather us to You, that we may know Your protection. Ground us in Your Word that we may never stray far from You. Guide our steps with compassion because You know what it is to be a man in this world. Turn our sadness, our cynicism, our worry and our boredom into joy.

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

Worship Assistant: Father, You brought Grace and Truth into the world through Your Son Jesus Christ. Give us eyes to see the grace, ears to hear the truth, and hearts open to the changes that Grace and Truth can make in our lives and in the world.

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

Worship Assistant: Almighty God, it's by grace that You give us redemption through Your Son Jesus Christ. You forgive us. What a remarkable gift You give us, to know that You chose us and that we are Your possession. This week, lead us into a deeper understanding of that infinite grace.

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

Worship Assistant: Loving God, care for the members of Word of God, our friends and our neighbors this week. We especially ask for comfort for Martina and all of Gary Frost's family. Father, we thank You for Gary and his life here. Comfort all those who are sad or who are walking through a loss at this time.

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

Worship Assistant: Compassionate Father, it's natural as the calendar turns to anticipate the coming year. Some things are known and of course there will be inevitable surprises. Keep us focused on You through all of it. We pray for our entire church family, specifically for those who are part of the new Discovery Class starting next week. We also pray for Your guidance during next week's congregational meeting.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord, each one in our congregation has concerns and worries that they bring to You. Some are known widely, and some are only known in the privacy of one person's heart. Thank you for a Comforter who is with us through each one of our troubles. We pray especially for our elected leaders, that they would know You and your wisdom; for members of the military who serve to guard our country; for health-care professionals of all kinds so they would not grow weary. We pray for each need that is said out loud or silently in our hearts.

(With 20 seconds for names.) **Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.**

Worship Assistant: For Jesus' sake, dear Father, graciously hear and generously answer our fervent petitions, to Your glory and for the benefit of all for whom we pray.

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**