

## **PRAYERS for July 10, 2022—Fifth Sunday of Pentecost**

**Worship Assistant:** On this fourth Sunday of 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:** Almighty God, thank you for the gift of clarity. Jesus was direct in agreeing with the lawyer in two simple commandments: to love God and to love our neighbors. Teach us to abide by these two commandments as we walk with You each day.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Father, we pray for our weak fellow believers, that You would give them justice. We pray for the fatherless, the afflicted, the destitute of the Church, that You would care for them. We pray for our weak and needy brothers and sisters in Christ, that You would rescue them.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Gracious God, You are so good to us at Word of God. We celebrate today with those who celebrate, like Al and Myrna Baird as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this weekend. Grant that our church would bear fruit in every good work, including the upcoming Fish Stix Vacation Bible School. Increase each member's knowledge of You, whether through the sermons, or Sunday school, or individual and group Bible study. Strengthen us with Your power for joyful endurance and patience.

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

**Worship Assistant:** King of kings, we look at the condition of our world, the nations and their leaders, and we know we fall far, far short of the just rule You would have us live under. Show us each how to be instruments of peace in Your world, even as You use government leaders to work Your will. We pray specifically for the community of Highland Park, Illinois, this week. Comfort those who mourn, and show us how to avert these awful events in other places. We ask Your protection and guidance for first responders of all kinds and for those who serve in the military.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Eternal Comforter, give us eyes to see as the Good Samaritan saw. He found a broken man and did not merely see the brokenness. Instead, he saw a fellow man, made in Your image. There is brokenness of all kinds around us, and sometimes it is a heavy thing to look for it. Show us Your image in every person who suffers. Help each of us to see as You do. We pray for people who are lonely, who are sick, who suffer in ways we can't know. We ask that you be with each person on our prayer list, and those whose names we speak out loud now or say silently in our hearts.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Father, we are grateful for each saint who has left us to be with You in eternal bliss. Their lives are a testimony to Your generosity and goodness. As You led them, lead us. Save us, O Lord, that we will be united with them and You in Your Kingdom.

**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**