

## **PRAYERS for July 18, 2021 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Assistant:** On this eighth Sunday after 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, author of all life, we know that You are always near, and You are all-wise. Hear us this morning as we turn our hearts to You in prayer and come to You with joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. It is good to give thanks to You and to sing praises to You. We place our trust in You, knowing that with You as our protector, we have nothing to fear. Accept our heartfelt thanks for making us a part of Your kingdom. We thank You for Your grace, for Your love, and for Your Son Jesus.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Holy Spirit, ever present among Your people, draw us close to You. We pray that in place of conflict there may be cooperation; in place of loneliness there may be compassion; in place of aimlessness there may be direction; and in place of lies there may be truth. Help us to grow in strength of love for others as we seek to love our neighbors as ourselves. We know we cannot be Your true children unless we remember those in need. We lift up the Word of God members who are working as volunteers this week at the Real Life Center, the Midwest Food Bank, and the Friday lunch program.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Gracious Father, fill Your people with wisdom and humility. We know that we can sometimes be selfish, oblivious, irresponsible, and even foolish. Through Your Word, teach us responsibility, accountability, and self-sacrifice. Help us remember that everything we do is for You, O Lord, and not for ourselves. Make us faithful, generous, kind, and holy, and use us to draw many people into Your Fatherly arms. We thank You that You have given us Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might have an eternal inheritance and the promise of everlasting life. We ask You to give us strength to confess Christ without hesitating; to trust Christ without doubting; and to rejoice in Christ without ceasing.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Healing God, You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to be the great physician of our souls and our bodies. Grant peace to all who are ill. Grant rest to those who wait for healing. Grant skill and wisdom to the doctors and those who care for the sick. We pray for all people who are in need: the poor, the homeless, the lonely, the unloved, the innocent sufferers of violence and abuse, the victims of terrorism, and the persecuted Christians around the world. We ask you to be with those on our prayer list and the friends and family members whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Steadfast Protector, we lift up to You all who follow You and all who serve our country. Protect us from the unrest that is happening in America and around the world. Heal the hateful division in our government and in our nation and help our leaders make wise decisions concerning the safety of our country and its citizens. Lord, we pray for the Christians around the world who seek to worship You, the missionaries who take Your Word to those who don't know You, and the Pastors who teach us about the true message of Jesus Christ.

**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**