

PRAYERS for July 24, 2022—Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this seventh 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, teach us to pray. Give us wisdom in what we ask of You, and give us persistence in the asking. More than anything, pour out Your Holy Spirit on all the church, unifying us in love for You.

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

Worship Assistant: God of our salvation, we pray for those fellow believers who suffer for Your name's sake. Revive them, and all of us, again. Show them Your steadfast love. We know You will give what is good, and that Your salvation is near to all those who fear You.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious God, we've come to a quiet moment in the middle of summer, when we look back on all the tremendous blessings of the last few weeks: new members, TWO vacation Bible schools, a cook-out, among many others. But here in the quiet, it's fitting that You remind us to pray, and to pray with forgiving and expectant hearts. You remind us to keep our minds not on the philosophy and mindset of the world, but on Jesus. You remind us to be both persistent in prayer and steadfast in belief. Thank You for the rest You grant in its season.

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

Worship Assistant: King of kings, when Your Son Jesus nailed our debt to the cross, as Paul told us, He disarmed the rulers of the world. He put them to shame in His triumph. Some repented, but some did not, and that continues even today. We pray for the hearts of every leader in the world, from international to local. We pray that each one would repent and follow You. Grant them wisdom, real wisdom that causes them to seek Your face. 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: Father, we pray for our enemies; for those who are estranged from us; for those who work to harm us; and for all whose hearts are full of bitterness. Help us to forgive them as You have forgiven us. And heal all our hearts, so that we reflect the holiness and mercy of your dear Son.

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

Worship Assistant: Eternal Comforter, 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