

PRAYERS for July 4, 2021 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this sixth 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: Gracious Lord, You are great and greatly to be praised. We thank You for bringing us together today to praise You, to honor You, and to receive Your blessing. Let our worship be an expression of the love we feel for You, for our country, and for each other. Thank You for watching over us and not casting us out when we need forgiveness, when we lose hope, and when we ask You for mercy. You tell us to not be afraid but only believe.

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

Worship Assistant: Holy God, on this Fourth of July weekend, we come before You to ask that You make us a nation of humble, God-fearing people. We ask You, in these unsettled times in our country and in our world, to guide us by just laws, to rule us with Your strong arms, and to govern us through responsible and reasonable people. Continue to bless our land, its people, and its institutions. In our weaknesses, we are strong. We know that all You ask is that we be true to You. Be patient with us because we know that our hope is in You, and there is steadfast love and plentiful redemption.

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

Worship Assistant: Almighty God, on this day that is the birthday of our country, we remember that You led our forefathers to this land where they found the freedom to worship, a refuge from oppression, and a place of new beginnings. When some enemies try to remove You from our schools, our government, and our lives, we ask You to ever guide our nation back to the way of Your truth and peace. We ask that You show us the way to bring America back to Your Word, and that You help us once again be a nation with an orderly and honest government and the guarantees of liberty for life and principles. Remind us that our country was built on Christian values, and that we should remain one nation under God. Help love and justice prevail everywhere in our country, and grant that we always seek to do **YOUR** will.

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

Worship Assistant: Merciful Father, hear our prayers and grant to Your people the strength of Your power that You would rest upon us. Guide us on the path that leads to support and safety. Watch over those who are in need of Your help, Your hope, and Your healing. Help us trust and wait with patience for what You would give us. Be with our citizens who are charged with maintaining order at our borders and our leaders who need to make wise decisions concerning our homeland. Support the volunteers who continue to feed the children on Fridays and all who are preparing the VBS for our special young people. With You we can accomplish many things. We especially ask You to be with those on our prayer list and the families and friends 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: Bountiful Lord, we praise You for the rain, the warm weather, and a fruitful earth; for the fields and orchards, for the flocks and herds, and for the streams and seas which nourish all of us. Bless farmers, fishermen, gardeners, and those whose effort helps to protect and wisely use the gifts of Your creation. Help us be stewards of Your gracious bounty and generously share our bread with those who have none. **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**