

PRAYERS for June 25, 2023 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this fourth 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: Lord God, we lift up our voices this day in thankfulness and praise to You. As we speak with You this morning, we want to thank You for giving us time, strength, and opportunities to do Your work and to share Your Gospel. We thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is worthy to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing, for He has redeemed us by His blood. We yield ourselves to You, Lord God.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious Father, bless the people and ministries of our Word of God family. Bless our new families who are joining Word of God this morning and use both our new and old Word of God members to serve You and to strengthen our fellowship. Give us each tasks that will bring us closer to You and will give witness to Your Word.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord Jesus, You took all of our burdens to the cross. Make us Your willing servants and help us bear the burdens of others. May we pray for You to ease the difficulties of our loved ones, of those who are weak, of those who need an extra measure of Your love, and of those who need their loads lightened. May we always be ready to serve even when we grow weary, even when we feel inadequate, or even when we ourselves need help. Give us the strength and calling that we need to do Your work.

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

Worship Assistant: Saving Father, we entrust our beloved dead into Your care. Hold them in the palm of Your hand. By the Cross of Your beloved Son, lead us safely into Your presence when You call us home. There, with all whom You have redeemed and raised up, grant that we may delight in praising Your goodness and mercy forever.

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

Worship Assistant: God of Healing, hear the cries of all those in need. Receive the prayers of Your people who are troubled so that they may know peace, comfort, and courage. Watch over those who feel despair, those who are struggling with family issues, or those who are seeking recovery from surgery, illness, or addiction. We pray for harmony where there is disagreement between people and groups. We pray for protection for those around the world who are suffering for their faith. We pray for unity within our own country and community. We especially ask You to be with all our friends and families on our prayer list and those 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: God of Mercy, You are an ever present help in times of peril. We ask You to constantly remind us that though the world might be filled with danger, we can stand strong, knowing that ultimately our help is in You. Be with our military personnel and police who are working to protect our country. We ask that You continue to protect our nation and give us stability knowing that our freedoms are not by our own doing, but they are wholly by Your mercy. Destroy the spirit of lawlessness, violence, and chaos in America and give us Your peace.

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**