

PRAYERS for March 27, 2022—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship Assistant: On this fourth Sunday of Lent, 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 God, You always stand ready to welcome us, to forgive us and to celebrate our return to You. Teach our unfaithful hearts to turn to You. And when we see brothers and sisters returning to You, soften our hearts, so that we aren't like the prodigal's older brother, either. Incline our hearts to joy at the return of our brothers and sisters to Your welcoming embrace.

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

Worship Assistant: Almighty Deliverer, we pray for all those who suffer for Your name's sake. Preserve them from trouble. Be their hiding place. And, when necessary, make us bold to speak for them. Give us Your words and help us to work Your will for them.

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

Worship Assistant: All-compassionate Savior, thank You for the body of believers here at Word of God. As we reflect on our shortcomings and Your mercies during this Lenten season, help us to seek out and forgive those who have wronged us. Use us and our resources to bring Your saving love to our community here in Sharpsburg, Peachtree City, Newnan, and beyond.

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

Worship Assistant: Merciful Father, forgive those who, though entrusted with authority, power, and influence, have squandered these gifts, and used them foolishly. Give wisdom and integrity to our elected and appointed leaders; to those in the military and first responders; and to those entrusted with educating our children or caring for the vulnerable. And teach us to live at peace with one another, despite our differences!

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

Worship Assistant: Unbounded Love of Heaven, we ask for healing and hope for all who suffer, whether bodily, mentally, or spiritually. Restore each one to fellowship with those who love them. Restore them to fellowship with You, who always love us. We ask Your guidance and healing for all those listed on our prayer list, for those whose names we speak out loud, and for those who we name silently in our hearts.

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

Worship Assistant: Saving Lord, Your sacrifice allowed us to become new creations even here on Earth. We pray for those who are embraced by You forever in Your presence, who have become new creations in Heaven. Guide us, Lord, and save us so that one day we might also be with them and You.

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**