

PRAYERS for May 16, 2021 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: On this seventh Sunday of Easter, 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: Father on high, lift up our eyes unto You and give us a sense of Your presence as we gather today for worship. Grant us gratitude as we remember Your goodness; thankfulness as we remember that You chose us; and joy as we remember Your love. Lead us on the path of true godliness, the path of faith, and the path of trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

Worship Assistant: Guiding Spirit, thank You for leading our graduates, Kaitlin Muller and Katie Petersen through their years of study. Thank You for assisting them with their challenges as well as praising them for their accomplishments. We ask You to continue to guide them, watch over them, and encourage them to make good decisions throughout their lives. Help them through the pressures of society and remind them to always follow Your teachings, to grow in their faith, and to remain true to Your Word. We ask that You watch over all our children as they relax after their year of studies. Thank You for the teachers and parents who have worked faithfully to encourage the love of learning in their students.

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

Worship Assistant: Loving Spirit, as we come to the end of our Sunday School classes next week, we give thanks for our students who have been growing in their knowledge of You. We give thanks for the children who have worked hard to memorize Your precious words and have fixed them in their hearts. We know that You alone can build faith, hope, and love in the lives of Your followers. We give thanks for the teachers who have led our children and adults through the study of Your Word this year. You have truly blessed them with beautiful gifts to teach, guide, and witness to You. Help us all to continue to study and follow Your Word.

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

Worship Assistant: Healing Spirit, comfort Your people who are hurting today. Spread Your love over us and draw us more closely into the peaceful fellowship of Christ where there is forgiveness, joy, and rest. Give patience to those who are in need of Your healing. Give hope to those who are in despair. Give love to those who are seeking fellowship and the end to their isolation. We know that when You give us Your wise counsel, we see that those who follow Your Word are like trees planted by the water that bring forth fruit in their season. Help us be abundant trees. We 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: Glorious Father, we thank You for the witness of those who live in places where it is dangerous to profess faith in You. Guide them to remain faithful and protect them from the evil that surrounds them. Teach us to be true witnesses and bear fruit in this great mission field in which we live. Help us to serve other people with good deeds, with continuous love, and with constant prayers. We pray for the safety of our soldiers who are serving around the world and for our police and fire fighters who serve here at home. Let their bravery be true examples of selfless sacrifice and service for all of us.

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**