

PRAYERS for May 1, 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Assistant: On this third 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: Holy Father, we come to You today with thanks for what You have done for us. We pray that we may always enter into Your presence in a humble but very grateful way. You are merciful; You are faithful; You are comforting; You are loved. To You be praise and honor and glory and might forever and ever. Fill our worship with grace, with love, and with thankfulness. Give us ready minds to believe Your Word and to see the wisdom that is in all Your ways and purposes. We believe that Your Word endures forever.

Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Gracious Savior, You commanded Your servant Peter to tend Your sheep. Equip Your church with every good gift, so it feeds Your flock with Your Holy Word and sacraments. Help us be generous with our time, our talents, and our resources to provide for those suffering hardships. Be with Your followers at Global Hope India who have built a sheltering place for girls who are in desperate need of a safe and loving home. Continue to uplift all the volunteers who work at the Midwest Food Bank and the Real Life Center. All this work is done in Your name, oh God.

Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Glorious God, how often our eyes are closed, and we fail to recognize Your greatness and Your grace. How many eyes are still closed today to the truth that Jesus is risen? How often Jesus walks close by our sides, and we don't even know it? We ask You to increase the light in our hearts and the brightness of our paths. Instruct our minds and convince us that our Risen Lord is with us in our ordinary lives; our comings and our goings; during quiet times and turmoil; in our waking and our sleeping; among our friends and those who hate us; in days of sickness and in health. If we do not believe that He is risen, then our faith is in vain. But we do believe and ask You to bring us closer to our Risen Lord.

Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, we come to You with our doubts and fears, with our joys and gladness, with our concerns and worries, with our sadness and grief. Thank You for hearing us when we call. Sometimes Your children are sent out to places that are dangerous and among people who are ungodly. Give us Your guidance and protection to follow Your ways and to lead others to You. We ask You to send Your holy angels to watch over and comfort all those who are in need of Your love and care. Especially be with all friends and families on our prayer list and those we name today in our hearts or say their names aloud.

(Wait at least 15 seconds for names.) Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Almighty God, we pray for our leaders and ask You to bless and guide them to serve the people and not themselves. Be with all who labor to protect us: our military, police, firefighters, border patrol, emergency first responders, and medical personnel. Keep them safe in the midst of danger and enable them to carry out their duties trusting in You. Continue to protect the innocent citizens of Ukraine and bring peace to their country.

Alleluia, Risen Lord..... *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**