

PRAYERS for May 23, 2021 – Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this day of 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 praise You and thank You for giving us the gift of Your Spirit that You poured out on fearful men and women who were witnesses to the miracles that You accomplished through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us be touched by the fire of Your Spirit: the Spirit of love, the Spirit of truth, and the Spirit of faith. Thank You for this opportunity to come together as Your people and attempt to know Your treasure and authority. Thank You for helping us know the way of life which is in Christ Jesus. Take our minds into Your power and use them for Your purposes.

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

Worship Assistant: Guiding Spirit, we pray that You will renew the hearts, minds, worship, and life of this congregation as many of us are back together as a family. Make us agreeable and loving, joyful and kind, faithful and forgiving, generous and patient, humble and courageous. Make us truly be more like Jesus, and use us to draw others into His nearer presence so that our Word of God family may be nourished and fed.

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

Worship Assistant: Loving Spirit, each day is filled with news of things people do to hurt each other. Descend into the hearts and minds of all Your children. Teach us to pray, worship, forgive, witness, serve, and love in ways that shine the light of Christ on the lives of those who need it most. Help us to focus on You and on those things that please You. Help us to keep Your peace with us in our homes, in our jobs, in our communities, and in our country. Remind us to take Your peace with us when we venture out into the chaos of the world. Reassure us that chaos is temporary, but Your peace is perfect and eternal.

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

Worship Assistant: Healing Spirit, comfort Your people who are hurting today: the injured, the sick, the dying, the depressed, and the lonely. We know that You are with us when we are strong but also when we are weak. You never leave our sides, even when we might wander off from You. Remind us that through Your gracious gift of faith, You enable us to walk in the Spirit and to live in hope. Today and always, let our hearts not be troubled or afraid as we feel Your love. Today and always, let our hearts be filled with humility and the boldness of faith. Bring peace to the Middle East and hope and safety to the people who are caught in the places of conflict. 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: Protecting Spirit, be the shield and defender of all who risk their lives in the defense of others and in the service of our country: our leaders, our soldiers, our police, our firefighters, our first-responders, our medical personnel, and our religious leaders. Help our country's leaders clearly see that their duties are to serve, to govern, and to follow You in fulfilling the will of God who gives us life. Help our citizens converse with each other with patience and encouragement; remind all of us follow to Your Word as we try to build a strong America for our children and grandchildren. **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**