

PRAYERS for May 29, 2022 – The Ascension of Our Lord

Worship Assistant: On this Sunday when we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, 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 come to You in prayer as Jesus invited us to do when He ascended on high. We graciously thank You for giving us Your Son as a perfect example of a perfect love. We thank and praise You that You raised Your Son from the dead, seated Him at Your right hand, and placed all things under His feet that He might rule in majesty. Unite all believers who gather in Your name to give honor and glory to You, our God and our Father.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord Jesus Christ, You are all glorious. You bore the cross; You endured the shame; You tasted death; then You rose in might and splendor. With Your ascension, You removed Your visible self from us so that we might believe in spirit and in truth. We truly wait for the day when You will return, although it is not for us to know the time or the place. We look forward to You coming again, but we know that You have given us work to do while we await Your return. Give us grace and kindness, patience and perseverance, courage and strength to minister to those in need of our help and those in need of Your Word.

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

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, You come to us through the good news of the Gospel. You alone can work within us so that we might have both the humility and the boldness of faith. We rejoice that You sent Your Son for us, and we rejoice that at the end of time He will come again. Watch over us that we do not turn away, that our faith does not fade, that we do not fall short of His glory, and that we do not fail to bring others to believe in Him. Only with You as our guiding light will we ever be a country of unity and love.

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

Worship Assistant: Healing God, make us people of faith and hope. We ask You to comfort the ill, the injured, the depressed, the lonely, the anxious, and the grieving. If we become discouraged, remind us to turn to You. If we grow weary, lead us to look for strength in You. When we face adversity, guide us to seek Your will and trust Your Word. Help us not be discouraged when sufferings come upon us, but bless our hearts with sympathy and understanding so that we might assist others through their pain and darkness. We especially seek Your comfort for the families of the children who were brutally killed in Texas this week. Remind us to hug our own children a little tighter. Be with all our friends and families who are 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 gift of Your Holy Spirit that is working through Your children. Especially on this Memorial Day weekend, help us to trust Your power to keep safe our soldiers as we remember those who have fought for our freedoms. Let their bravery be true examples of selfless sacrifice and service for all. As You prayed for your followers, so we pray for the world, its rulers and its people, especially in this land. Bestow peace and unity in places of injustice and violence. Turn the hearts of many to seek and work for those things that please Your Heavenly Father. Equip them to bring a measure of health, hope, and justice to all. **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**