

## **PRAYERS for November 21, 2021 – Christ the King Sunday**

**Worship Assistant:** On this Christ the King Sunday, 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, we come before You today with the happy knowledge that Jesus is indeed King in His Church. We ask for unity and patience as we wait expectantly for our King's return. Make Your church unswerving in faith, radiant in holiness, and bold in witness. Use it to draw all people to His Cross, to acclaim Him as Lord, King, and Savior.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Father, we pray for the whole world, for those who do not know You and for those who know You well. In fact, You are King of all Kings. By Your Holy Spirit, conform the hearts of rulers and people to the heart of Christ; and let His peace reign undisturbed in every land. Grant each of us who do know You an extra measure of grace as we share our love of You with the world, through the gifts that You give us so freely.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Gracious God, through the rhythm of the seasons You give us a time to harvest and to pause and reflect on the bounty of Your hand. Thank You for a country that pauses in gratitude as a national holiday. Bless the gatherings that take place on Thursday and all week; make space for reflection on Your good gifts. Help us to make the Giver known.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Lord, what an exciting week for the life of our congregation. Thank You for bringing Pastor Dampier and Jessica to Sharpsburg. Bless the work they do and the hearts they reach here. Teach all of us to grow together as we learn to be led by him, and as he gets to know us. Thank You again for the blessing of Pastor Kollmeyer leading us through the last 18 months, and for our call team and Service Committee as they served so faithfully.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Compassionate Father, each one in our congregation has concerns and worries that they bring to You. Some are known widely, and some are only known in the privacy of one person's heart. Thank You for a Comforter who is with us through each one of our troubles. We pray especially for our elected leaders, that they would know You and Your wisdom; for members of the military who serve to guard our country; for health-care professionals of all kinds so they would not grow weary. We pray for each need that is said out loud or silently in our hearts.

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

**Worship Assistant:** For Jesus' sake, dear Father, graciously hear and generously answer our fervent petitions, to Your glory and for the benefit of all for whom we pray.

**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**