

PRAYERS for July 24, 2022—Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this seventeenth Sunday 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: Almighty God, as the church on Earth, You have given us good works to do as our task here. Help us to see our duties that You laid out for us, and to do those duties as we ought.

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

Worship Assistant: God of our salvation, we pray for those fellow believers who suffer for Your name's sake. It can be nearly impossible to sing Your song, to honor You when surrounded by hostility and hate. And yet, just as it was for the exiled Israelites, Your faithfulness is great for us and for all those persecuted for their faith. Help them to know that faithfulness in a personal way.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious God, we know that we have transgressed. We have done wrong. We deserve punishment. And yet—each one of us has hope. Your steadfast love doesn't end. Thank You for the saving mercy of Your Son Jesus Christ. Thank you for the hope He alone offers. Thank You for this congregation at Word of God. Father, fan into flame Your gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit. Give us power and love and self-control to become Your hands and feet in this community.

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

Worship Assistant: King of kings, You send grace, peace and mercy into the world. We pray for the hearts of every leader in the world, from international to local. We pray that each one would repent and follow You. Grant them wisdom, real wisdom that causes them to seek Your face. We ask Your protection and guidance for first responders of all kinds and for those who serve in the military.

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

Worship Assistant: Eternal Comforter, we pray for people who are lonely, who are sick, who suffer in ways we can't know. We ask that you be with each person on our prayer list, and those whose names we speak out loud now or say silently in our hearts.

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

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, we are grateful for each saint who has left us to be with You in eternal bliss. We know we will see each other again, as Jesus abolished death through His sacrifice. He alone brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. What a promise He has given us! Let us hold fast to that promise as we walk through our daily lives.

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**