

PRAYERS for October 23, 2022—Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this twentieth 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: Lord God, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, the gift that allows us to act boldly in the world as Your church. Let us share Your Word in the world, even in the unexpected ways that Joel describes, in old men dreaming dreams and young men seeing visions.

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

Worship Assistant: Compassionate Lord, Jesus told us that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. We know You exalt the broken-hearted, and You will humble the exalted. We pray for all believers in the world who are persecuted, who suffer for Your sake. Be merciful to them. Be merciful to us. We are all sinners.

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

Worship Assistant: Loving Father, what a beautiful time of year at Word of God. Thank You for the trees that change just outside our windows. They are a reminder of how You crown the year with Your bounty. Satisfy us with the goodness of Your house. We are grateful for the bounty and fellowship that we will share as part of the Stew-Off later today. Thank You for many opportunities we have to serve You in our community and the larger world.

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

Worship Assistant: King of kings, You gave us the law to teach both justice and how we need redemption. We pray for those who are entrusted with carrying out earthly laws, which are small ways we can see justice in the world. We pray also for the welfare of all those in our community who are first responders in times of crisis, and for members of our military.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious Lord, we remember those who suffer in all kinds of ways. Stand by them and strengthen them. Rescue them from every evil deed. Bring each one of them safely into Your heavenly kingdom. 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: Blessed Jesus, help us as You did Paul, to fight the good fight, to finish the race, to keep the faith. Thank You for those who believed before us, who are with You now, who have already received the crown of righteousness.

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**