

**PRAYERS for September 4, 2022 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Worship Assistant:** On this thirteenth Sunday after 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:** Redeeming Lord, we come together in Your holy name; we acknowledge Your wonderful works; and we offer You our heartfelt thanks, reverence, and praise. Lord, Your thoughts are precious to us, and we humbly feel Your presence here with us today. We ask You to look down from heaven and pour out Your strength and hope on us; give us grace to forgive; faithfulness to serve; and joyfulness to worship You. Remind us to follow Your Word and be constant in our prayers to You.

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

**Worship Assistant:** God our Father, You are our strength and help in this world. This Labor Day weekend we ask You to be with all Your people wherever they work. Help us to labor with joy, to labor with love, and to labor with faithfulness. Be a strong refuge for those who suffer anxiety for lack of work. We pray that all who seek employment might find it, that all who are retired might enjoy the fruits of their labor, and that all who are preparing for work might find success. Teach us that the best labor we can give You is loving service to our fellowman.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Omniscient God, we know that You search us and know our inmost thoughts. It is very comforting to know that if we seek You, we will find You. Lord God, remind us to run to Your side, not away from Your presence. You have shown us Your face and felt the touch of Your hand. You are with us always: in darkness and in light, no matter what words we think or speak, whatever paths we travel, during our times of sickness or good health. Help us to focus on You, seeking to know You more completely and allowing You to have full possession of our lives.

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

**Worship Assistant:** God of compassion, we pray for Your people who are suffering because of physical, financial, emotional, or spiritual needs. Through their pain, loss, or trouble, remind them of how much they need You and how much You would comfort them. Be with all people who are trying to overcome obstacles that seem too vast and help them to trust in Your power and in Your miracles. Bless the healing hands of doctors and other health professionals that You have called and sent to care for Your children. We especially 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 God, we lift up to You all who sacrifice their lives in service to our country and our communities: the armed forces, the police, the firefighters, and the EMTs. Empower them to perform their duties with honesty, integrity, and safety. Be with our leaders and give them Your wise counsel. Lord, we ask You to give us strength and courage to stand up for our faith in a world that has become increasingly hostile to Christians. We pray for Your missionaries in every land, especially for Pastor Buba and Christine. Give them wise and humble hearts to bring the healing and saving Gospel to those who are in need of Your Word.

**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**