

PRAYERS for September 12, 2021 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this sixteenth 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: Lord, our God, You have called us into this life; You have placed faith in our hearts; and You have given us labor to do. You daily grant us health and strength, and for this we are ever grateful. We give You thanks and praise that You make us contented workers in Your kingdom and ask that You remind us to let our lives be true testimonies to Your eternal love and overwhelming grace.

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

Worship Assistant: Mighty God, in whose hands are all things in heaven and on earth and under the earth, help us to not look at the world with unseeing eyes and unimpressed minds. Help us to not stumble in countless ways. When we are disheartened, help us pray for encouragement. When we are feeling alone, give us peace. When we are grieving, help us find solace. When we are feeling joyful, let us offer up prayers of thanksgiving and share Your love with others. You formed each one of us and You know what is best for us, so we commit ourselves and all that we are and all that we have into Your safe keeping. In all things, at all times, in all places, let us seek Your wisdom and comfort in prayer.

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

Worship Assistant: Gracious God, today we reflect on the 20th anniversary of 9-11 and pray that never again shall hatred and evil ideology cause such harm anywhere on this earth. Forgive our anxiety and our little faith as we face the dangers of terrorism and Covid that are confronting us. Help us to continually know that You are in charge of our world and our lives. In You, O Lord, we seek refuge. Grant that the people of Word of God stand firm together striving to proclaim the Gospel by our words and our deeds. Make us willing to work diligently at tasks that please You and draw others closer to You. Help us be encouraging and cheerful when newcomers join us in our labors, confident that Your grace draws them to serve You, even as it draws us. Be with us as we move forward with our pastor search, seeking only to follow Your lead.

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

Worship Assistant: Healing Father, we glorify Your name above all others. You give rest to the weary, comfort to those who are ill or hurt, cheer to those who are depressed, and strength to those who are burdened. We pray that You give us strength to bring forth the fruits of patience, love, and good will. We thank You today for all the grandparents who are such blessings to their families. Watch over them and let them know that they are loved and needed. We especially ask You to be with those on our prayer list and the families and friends 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: Guiding Savior, we bring the anxieties of the world to You. We pray for peace where there is no peace, healing where there is much disease, safety where there is constant danger, and freedom where there is only control. Be with our military, police, and medical personnel who serve in perilous times and in dangerous places. Keep them safe.

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**