

PRAYERS for September 19, 2021 –Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Assistant: On this seventeenth 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: Almighty God, in Your hands are all things in heaven and on earth. We thank You for this blessed day because You have made it holy for us. We bow our heads and open our hearts to worship You and to give You thanks for all the mercies and miracles You have given us this week. Strengthen us in matters great and small, to live in faith toward You, and to serve others with humility as You would have us do.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord God, make us people with humble hearts and keep us mindful that all our gifts come from You. When we feel prideful, we ask You to remind us that You sent us Your Son, and that He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death on a cross. Help us to grow beyond our need for earthly praise and look to You for support. Our salvation comes not because of our own good works but because of Your grace. We give You the credit for all the good things in our lives: our loved ones, our freedoms, and our joy. When we need approval, let us look to You. When we need reassurance, let us look to You. When we need forgiveness, let us look to You.

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

Worship Assistant: God of power and might, You alone are the true ruler of the world. All authority comes from You. Guard us against any doubt in our hearts and purify our faith so that it is a faith not just on our lips but also in our actions. We know that You not only watch over us with diligence, but that You guide us so that we do not fall, so that we might not stumble. We ask You to take control of our passions and make us obedient to You; take control of our wills and guide us; and take control of our tongues and help us use them to speak good and not evil. Raise up pastors who boldly preach and tenderly care for people who are starving for your Word. We thank You for giving us a time today to get to know Pastor Jason and Jessica, and we will continue to follow where You lead us on this journey.

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

Worship Assistant: Lord Jesus Christ, death could not hold You in its power. You have proved Yourself to be the one who could deliver us from sin, pain, suffering, and distress. If we are fearful, in You we can find a friend. If we are troubled, in You we can find a counselor. If we are lost, in You we can find a shepherd. When we feel so certain we can handle our lives entirely by ourselves, show us how to be humble and accept help from You. We especially ask You today 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 20 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Worship Assistant: Gracious Lord, give us the opportunities to help in whatever ways that we are able, to share our resources in every way that we are able, and to pray at all the times that we are able. Thank you for doctors, nurses, therapists, EMT's, orderlies, and all whose service helps people during this time of Covid. Give them a double portion of your Spirit. Use their skills and our support and prayers to bring healing as we ask You to comfort the sick, confused, grieving, or dying. **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**