

Eleventh after Pentecost – 2022 – Sunday, August 21, 2022

Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love.

Let us now offer the prayers of our hearts filled with love on behalf of God's world answering the plea:

Let us pray to the Lord with ***Lord have mercy.***

Let us pray, either silently or aloud, for those places in our world where there is suffering and pain and that weigh heavily on our hearts.

Lord, you hear the suffering of your people, grant wisdom to those in power and help them to act justly and with mercy.

Let us pray to the Lord: ***Lord, have mercy***

Let us pray now for the Church at work in our Diocese:

- for our Bishop Michael Oulton, And for the parish and people of St. John the Baptist in Lyn

Let us pray for the ministry of St. Philip's here in Milford, the County and the world. Pray especially for:

- Nancy our Priest
- Fran our Presider and for Mike our music leader today
- St. Andrew's Wellington
- And the faithful ministry of St. John's Waupoos

Continue to guide them and us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us all, we may be a blessing to others, bringing the promise of Your kingdom nearby with our words and deeds.

Lord, help them and us to know and experience Your all-encompassing love at work in them this week.

Let us pray to the Lord: ***Lord, have mercy***

Let us now pray for those of our friends and loved ones who are in need and for those who have asked us to pray for them. Pray especially for:

- Paula & Bruce walking the Camino de Santiago in Portugal
- Murray
- Eleanor
- Clare
- Ed
- Ron
- Shirley Sawle
- And Illa

And anyone else you wish to add, either silently or aloud....Loving God, we thank you for the blessing of family and friends and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

Let us pray to the Lord: ***Lord, have mercy***

Almighty God, open our hearts to your power moving around us, between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken.

Let us pray to the Lord: ***Lord, have mercy***

Let us look with wonder at the beauty of the flowers in the Sanctuary today and thank our Creator God.

Let us pray to the Lord: ***Lord have mercy.*** Grant O God, that we may know the risen presence of your Son Jesus Christ, in love obediently feed his sheep, and care for the lambs of his flock, until we join the hosts of heaven in worshipping you and praising him who is worthy of blessing and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever.

We ask all these things in the strong name of Jesus. **AMEN.**
