

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020

Intercessor: *Jane Whittemore*

On this second Sunday of Advent as we journey towards the stable, we stop to light the candle of Peace, bringing our praise and prayers to God the Father saying, "*Gracious God in your mercy, hear our prayer.*"

We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral land of Anishinaabe, Attawandron and Haudenosaunee people and the Dish with One Spoon and Huron Tract Treaties. We pray that we may live in peace with each other and with all of Your creation on Turtle Island.

Gracious God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving thanks for our parish family of St. James, we pray for the people and clergy of this parish, asking for your blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week: ***Jane Slater, Jodi Pardy, Keith Edwards, Sue Hughes and Lois Webb.***

Gracious God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Diocese of Huron and Todd our Bishop; for Anne, Archbishop of Ontario; for Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; for Linda, Primate of Canada, and for Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia.

In our Diocesan Chain of Prayer, we pray for St. George's Church, London and The Reverend Dale Nikkel; St. James Westminster and The Reverend Keith Nethery and the Reverend Canon Gerry Adam; for St. John the Evangelist, London and The Reverend Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell and The Reverend Dr. John Thompson.

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and for their Bishop, The Right Reverend Carlos Lopez-Lozano.

Gracious God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, our prayers continue for the residents and staff of Cedarcroft Place and their families. We pray that we may see the incidence of new COVID cases in our community, and around the world, begin to decline once again.

We keep in our hearts our Indigenous sisters and brothers who continue to see COVID increasing in their communities, and for the many who do not have access to clean water and adequate medical care.

We pray for the patients, their families, and the staff of London's University Hospital, and for the safety of all the doctors and nurses working overtime caring for COVID patients, and for all essential workers. We pray for the rice farmers in Nigeria, asking for peace for all who are suffering from violence of any kind around the world. We continue to pray for a peaceful and orderly transition of power in the United States, asking that all who have been elected lead with wisdom and justice providing equity for all.

Gracious God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Caring God, we pray for those who are suffering of mind, body or spirit, for the lonely or grieving, anxious or depressed, for all who are living with mental illness, or addiction of any kind, for those on the margins and for the forgotten members of society. With winter upon us, we especially remember the homeless in our community and in all communities.

We pray for those labouring under heavy burdens known to you alone. We ask that you draw them near, comforting them in their suffering so that they may know your peace and love. We pray for healing for: ***Marlin, Marilyn, Jack, Angela, Rob, Peter, Nikki, Ilene, Judy, Marion, Abby, Maggie D., Jack, Scott, Harold, Ulrika, Ben, Debbie, Marilyn, Melissa, Lisa, Mary, Alexia, Tim, Judy & Irin, and Charlie.*** Knowing that you know their needs, we pray for those in our hearts and for any that we may have forgotten.

Gracious God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we commend into your hands all who have completed their earthly journey. Rest eternal grant to them and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Gracious God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Going forth, we pray that we may be instruments of your peace. **Amen**