

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 13, 2020**

**Intercessor: *Lori Colbeck***

Following a star, we stop this Sunday to light the candle of Joy on our Advent Wreath, as we bring our thanksgivings, 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 as one family in peace and harmony with each other and with your creation on Turtle Island.

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

Holding the needs of friends and loved ones before God, we pray for the people and clergy of this parish family at St. James. We ask your blessing for those celebrating birthdays this week: ***Nancy Parkinson, Peter Ryde, Jeff Hawkins, Robert Lott, John Spencer and Colin McDonald.***

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. John Collegiate Chapel and The Reverend Dr. Gary Thorne, The Reverend Dr. Barry Craig, The Reverend Dr. Stephen McClatchie, The Reverend Dr. Lizette Larson-Miller and The Reverend Canon Greg Smith; and for St. Mark's Church, London and The Reverend Andra O'Neill.

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Falkland Islands and The Right Reverend Timothy Thornton.

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

Compassionate God, we pray for the residents and staff of Cedarcroft Place and their families, and also for the patients, staff and their families at London's University Hospital. We continue to pray for peace in the United States and that all who have been elected, lead with wisdom and justice, providing equity for all.

With the onset of colder weather, we pray for refugees, that they may find some comfort as they endure these harsh winter months.

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

Merciful God, we pray for the forgotten members of society, especially keeping in mind those living on the margins, and the homeless in our community, and in communities everywhere, as winter approaches. We pray for all who are suffering from mental illness and addictions of any kind and for those carrying other burdens known to you alone.

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. We ask for healing and comfort for: ***Marlin, Marilyn, Jack, Angela, Rob, Peter, Nikki, Ilene, Judy, Marion, Abby, Maggie D., Jack, Scott, Harold, Ulrika, Ben, Debbie, Marilyn, Melissa, Lisa, Mary, and Alexia.*** 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 remember all those saints who have completed their earthly journey. ***Today the flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of wife and mother, Erma Clark ~ forever in our hearts ~ from Bruce, Jennifer & Joanna.*** 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 out into the world we pray that we may share the Joy of the Gospel with all we meet.

Amen