

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 14, 2021
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As our Lord was transfigured on the mountain, we are transfigured in prayer. Let us bring our prayers, thanksgivings, and praise to God saying: *“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. Coming together from the Four Directions, we pray that we may all live united as one family in harmony, on our Turtle Island, respecting all and our gift of creation.

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

Always remembering the needs of friends and loved ones, we pray for the people and clergy of our parish family at St. James. We ask your blessing for those celebrating birthdays this week: ***Heather Galloway, Doug Smith, Erica Boone, and Emily Hawkins.***

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

We pray for our Queen and all leaders. 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; for Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia, and for our sisters and brothers in our Companion Diocese.

In our Diocesan Chain of Prayer, we pray for St. George’s Church, Owen Sound and The Reverends Graham Bland and Jordan Murray; The Parish of the Bruce Peninsula, Trinity Church, Wiarton, Christ Church, Lion’s Head and The Venerable Perry Chuipka and The Venerable Robert Snelling.

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

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

Compassionate God, we continue to pray for all who have contracted COVID worldwide, and that the vaccines will soon be offered to everyone equitably. We pray for our sisters and brothers of Oneida of the Thames who are grieving their first COVID-related death. We pray that the variants can be contained, and that we will see the numbers of new cases decline. We continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in Amazonia where the situation is dire.

We pray for the release of the two Michaels, Alexi Navalny, Aung San Suu Kyi (Ong Son Su Chi) and the democratically elected leaders of Myanmar, and all those imprisoned unjustly.

We pray for all those who lost their lives, and all whose lives have been shattered by the collapse of the Himalayan glacier that caused the destruction of the dam. With students back in their classrooms, we pray for the safety of all who learn and all who teach. Now that the Impeachment Trial in the United States is underway, we pray that healing and reconciliation will begin and that those elected to lead will come together in unity for the welfare of all.

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

Loving God, we pray for the forgotten and marginalized members of society, always keeping in mind the homeless and refugees, and all without adequate shelter now that we are in the depths of winter. We pray for all who are suffering from mental illness or addiction of any kind and for those who are heavy laden with burdens known to you alone.

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

Caring God, we pray for those who are suffering of mind, body, or spirit, for the lonely and for those who are grieving, anxious or depressed. With stricter restrictions having been imposed, we pray for all who are feeling isolated and alone. 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, Alexia, Judy & Erin, Tim, Marian, Paul, and Judy.** Knowing that you know their needs we pray for those resting heavily on our hearts and for any that we may have forgotten.

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

Merciful God, we commend into your hands all those saints who have completed their earthly journey. ***We pray today for the repose of the soul of Reuben Blackned, from Waskagonish, Diocese of Moosenee, the victim of a boating accident last Sunday. His family and community members mourn this devastating loss.*** Rest eternal grant to them and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Led by Christ's example, we can allow our prayers to be used by God to transfigure us. Filled with a new sense of God's love and mission we pray that we can be transformative in the lives of others.

Amen.