

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost – July 4, 2021

Intercessor: Lori Colbeck

Creator God, we bring to you our grief, our caring, our love for all your creation. Standing before you, we lift up our prayers and concerns to you, saying:

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for peace from on high for this city of Stratford and all of Turtle Island. We pray that we will see an end to violence, hate and racism, and that all children everywhere may grow up feeling loved and safe.

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We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, and for all in authority, that they serve the people with justice and equity for all and ensuring that under their governance, all may live in unity and safety with clean water, adequate housing, proper health care, access to education and nourishing food on their tables.

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We pray for the victims of racism and terrorism, and for all who suffer from discrimination, that you Creator God, will be their help and shield. We pray that children will never again be reduced to numbers and thrown into mass graves. We pray for Archdeacon Rosalyn Kantlaht'ant Elm and her congregation as they move forward in faith. We give thanks that help has finally arrived for the community of the Kashechewan First Nation and their Chief and Anglican Priest, Leo Friday. We pray that we may be your agents of change, putting an end to the root causes of racism, intolerance, and hate.

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We pray for all bishops and clergy who minister in these challenging times to the angry, the disenfranchised, the forgotten, and those who are damaged by drugs or alcohol, or demons known to you alone. We pray for lay leaders who uphold the clergy with their love and support. We pray for the faithful everywhere that they not become discouraged but continue to live as Our Lord would have us live, in humility and subject to one another in Christian love.

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We continue to pray for healing and comfort for **Fayez**, and for those who have asked us to pray for them: **Marlin, Marilyn, Angela, Peter, Nikki, Rob, Ilene, Judy, Marion, Abby, Maggie D., Jack, Harold, Ulrika, Debbie, Marilyn, Lisa, Mary, Alexia, Judy & Erin, Judy, Ed, Cam, Carrie, Anne, Mary Ann.**

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We pray for all who are imprisoned unjustly; for refugees; for those, who because of their faith, the colour of their skin, their gender, or ethnicity are being persecuted and fear for their safety. We pray for the day that all may live free from prejudice and in harmony as one.

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We pray for those in our St. James Family who are celebrating birthdays this week: **Doug Ayres, Allan Falconer, Jane Whittemore, Jane Garner, David Allely, Avery Rankl**; and for those in our parish family celebrating anniversaries: **John & Ruth Spencer, John & Laura Snowden.** Creator God hold them in your loving arms.

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We pray for all the saints departed, remembering the lives lost in the collapse of the twelve-story condominium in Miami, Florida that they may be received in your heavenly kingdom.

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Amen.