

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost – July 11, 2021

Intercessor: Mark Allwood

We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral land of the Anishinaabe, Attawandron and Haudenosaunee people, the Dish with One Spoon and Huron Tract Treaties.

Creator God, standing here before you with troubled hearts and minds, we bring our prayers and concerns to you, saying:

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for fulfillment and peace for all across Turtle Island. We pray that we will see hearts and souls opened - bringing an end to hate and racism; and that all children everywhere may grow up feeling loved and safe. We pray for the day when violence is not seen as a solution, and peace is sought instead.

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We pray for Elizabeth our Queen and give thanks for Mary J. May Simon, our Governor General designate, and first Indigenous Governor General. We pray that all who govern be guided by the Holy Spirit and given the wisdom to serve the people justly and equitably, 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 continue to pray that we may be the agents of change, that can help end discrimination, racism and the violence borne out of anger and frustration. We pray that houses of worship be respected as sacred places offering comfort and God's inestimable love to all who enter their doors. As more and more innocents are recovered, we pray for their souls and for the healing for survivors of the Residential Schools. We ask Creator God that you be their strength and shield.

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We pray for The Church and all Bishops, Clergy and Lay who work to bring the message of the Gospel to Turtle Island. We ask that they not become discouraged and that you walk alongside them, giving them Your strength and wisdom for their journey.

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We pray for the people of the Village of Lytton and Lytton First Nations that were destroyed by the wildfires, and for the souls of the two who died in those wildfires. We pray for the souls of all who lost their lives due to the extreme heat and heat fueled wildfires in western North America. We pray for the emergency response teams and the ongoing recovery efforts in the collapse of the condominium in Miami Beach, Florida.

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We continue to pray for healing, comfort, and strength for **Fayez** as he recovers from his devastating injuries 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, Claudio & Lela.**

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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, as our Saviour would have us live, in love and harmony with one another.

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We pray for those in our St. James Family who are celebrating birthdays this week: **Robert Hughes, Betty McLean, Piers Fox, Jan Ryan, James (Russell) Sebben, Nathan Francis, Ernestine McKenna;** and for those in our parish family celebrating anniversaries: **Cran & Mary Bockus, Al & Sandra Graff, Bruce & Ellen McLaren, Donald & Heather Galloway.** Creator God hold them in your loving arms.

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We pray for all the saints departed. We pray for the souls of the innocents as more and more are recovered, may they rest in peace and rise in glory, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Amen.