

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
14th Sunday After Pentecost – August 29, 2021

Intercessor: *Lori Colbeck*

Creator God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promised to hear us when we pray to you in faith. We are overwhelmed by the state of our fractured world. We will be holding the survivors of the Residential Schools, the souls of the innocents who never returned, the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Myanmar, South Africa, Yemen, Greece, Tennessee and all the corners of the world that are ravaged by conflict, natural disasters, and the escalating effect of the climate crisis, in our hearts and prayers.

Asking: Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral land of the Anishinaabe, Attawandron and Haudenosaunee people, the Dish With One Spoon Covenant and Huron Tract Treaty. We give thanks for their care of this land for thousands of years. Teach us to care for it as they have, sharing the land, food, water, and resources safely and wisely so that all may reap the bounty of your creation.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for Bishop Todd and all who serve Christ and his kingdom. Give the clergy and lay alike the vision to overcome the challenges brought on by the pandemic. Help us to find new ways to serve your people, uniting us in truth and love that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen and all in authority. With the upcoming election we pray that the leaders we elect, and those who govern everywhere, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace, respecting one another in freedom and truth.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for our community of Stratford and for all communities in this troubled world. With the return to classrooms, we pray for those who teach and those who learn. We pray for our families and friends through whom we learn to love and be loved. Make us always mindful that our actions have consequences beyond our communities and give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as He loves us.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or despair. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them. We pray 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, Ed, and Heidi & Jared.*

Creator Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Daniel Allely, Russ Jessop, Paul Almas, Charmion Chaplin-Thomas, Maddie Fisher, Robert Parkinson;* and for those celebrating anniversaries: *Doug & Laureen Smith.* Creator God in our celebrations may we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn. Bring them peace in their time of loss. We pray for all the saints who have entered your eternal glory. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy

Amen.