

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – September 5, 2021**

**Intercessor: *Stephanie Donaldson***

We come together to give thanks to our Creator God, whose mercy endures forever. We are saddened and 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, Louisiana, Haiti, Myanmar, South Africa, Yemen, South Sudan, 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 be wise stewards caring 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.**

Giving thanks for God's goodness we pray for the church throughout the world, for Todd our Bishop, and all who minister in these challenging times. We pray for peace on every continent, asking that people may live in safety with dignity and respect for all.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen and all who govern. God of truth inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

We pray for this town of Stratford, and that all who live here may prosper. Recognizing that with the upcoming federal election, our choices will have ramifications beyond our community, we pray that our decisions be wise ones.

We pray that the rights of our Indigenous neighbours be upheld and ask that you awaken in those who we elect, a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is therein. We pray that we may see an end to the pandemic and for all returning to schools and universities, asking that those who learn and those who teach, be safe in their classrooms.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Knowing that you know their needs 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, Heidi & Jared, Helen.*

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

We pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Jim MacDougall, Shirley Dunbar, Nicholas Jessop, Maddie Higgins, Judith Rose, Adrian Racho;* and for those celebrating anniversaries: *Joyce Banks & Ron Fischer, Jan & Michael Ryan, Patricia & Peter Ryde, Mary & Todd Steel.* Creator God in our celebrations may we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

**The flowers on the Altar today, are given to the Glory of God, and in loving remembrance of Brenda Henderson.** We ask for comfort for those who mourn and remember with thanksgiving, those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

**We also keep in our prayers today, the family and friends of St. James parishioner Doreen Geary, who are mourning her passing this week.** May they rest in peace and rise in glory, may light perpetual shine upon them.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creator God, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, and your strength in our wills.

**Amen.**