

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – September 19, 2021**

**Intercessor: *Stephanie Donaldson***

Creator God, in this Season of Creation, hear us as we raise to heaven our concerns for the people and conditions of our earthly home, remembering all who are affected by natural disasters, climate change, oppression, conflict and injustice. We pray especially for the survivors of the Residential Schools and the people of Afghanistan, Newfoundland, Haiti, Myanmar, South Africa, Brazil, Yemen, and South Sudan.

**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 know the bounty of your creation.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

For the church universal, our Bishop Todd and for all engaged in the ministries of healing and reconciliation, that they bring hope to those who have no hope, and light to those living in darkness.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Bless our queen, Elizabeth, her family, and the family of nations she upholds. As Canada goes to the polls tomorrow, give us the wisdom to elect trustworthy leaders, who will contribute and make wise decisions for the general welfare of all Canadians. Make us a people of peace, both at home and abroad, that we may be a blessing to other nations of this earth.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

We pray for our community of Stratford and all communities. Commending our neighborhoods to your care, we ask for the strength of purpose to ensure that all communities be havens of responsible care for the sake of your creation, and

places where no one goes without basic needs. We pray for our health care workers, that they may be honoured and respected for their dedication to the care of the sick and dying. We pray that we may be kept free from social strife and division. Now that students and teachers have returned to the classrooms, we pray that they may be safe in those classrooms, asking for your blessing on all who teach, and all who learn that they not be distracted from their thirst for knowledge.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creator God, your Son brought hope and healing into a fractured world. We pray for those who long for the healing that human hands alone cannot offer. We pray for those who suffer mental anguish, who are in pain, who worry, fear the present and the future. We pray for the sick and the dying, for those who care for them and for those whose afflictions are known to you alone. 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, Peter, Robert.***

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

We pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: ***Alexander Ellis, Laurie Childs, Marion Davis, Ted Jeffrey, Carol Boone;*** and for those celebrating anniversaries: ***Nancy Adams & Paul Almas, Scott & Grace Langford.*** Creator God in our celebrations may we always be mindful of your love for us.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creator God, we pray for those who mourn and grieve the loss of a loved one. We pray for those who are near death or fear death. We pray for those who have made their last journey from life to greater life. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, may light perpetual shine upon them.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy**

Creator God , our maker, Jesus our healer, Holy Spirit of love and life, hear our prayers, For those who seek you, and those who need you, to the world you cherish bring healing, bring wholeness, bring peace. **Amen.**