

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
19th Sunday After Pentecost – October 3, 2021

Intercessor: *Jane Whittemore*

Creator God, we have gathered on this, the last Sunday in the Season Of Creation, to bring our prayers, concerns, and praise to you. Hear our prayers for the whole of your creation, and for all who are suffering from the ravages of climate change, natural disasters, oppression, conflict, and injustice. In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying:

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 live on this land respectfully acknowledging the right of all to live in safety, sharing in the riches of your creation.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for the Church universal, our Bishop Todd, and for all who preach the beauty of your creation. We pray that we will be wise stewards of Turtle Island, assuring that the bounty of the past is the bounty of the future.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Bless our queen, Elizabeth, who has faithfully put duty before self. Give her strength and courage to reign justly and compassionately for all her subjects.

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We pray for our community of Stratford and all communities. We pray that with new relationships being forged, we can come together to make a difference in the lives of the marginalized of this community.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creator God we pray that as your Son has taught us that we can be the light in a divided and fractured world. We pray for the sick and the dying, and 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: ***Marilyn, Angela, Peter, Nikki, Rob, Ilene, Judy, Marion, Abby, Maggie D., Jack, Ulrika, Marilyn, Lisa, Alexia, Judy, Ed, Heidi & Jared, Peter, Robert, Jenelle, Richard, Joyce, Grace & Family.***

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Creator God, we pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: ***Lorna MacCormick, Cassandra Racho, Bradley Trotter, Katie Trotter;*** and for those celebrating anniversaries: ***Keith & Anita Edwards.*** Creator God, in our celebrations, we pause to pray for those who feel that they have nothing to celebrate.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creator God, we pray for those who mourn. We pray for all who are near death. We pray for those who have completed their earthly journey and are now safe with you and all the saints. We pray for the souls of the children who never returned. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy

God, Creator of the universe, fill us with your love for the whole of creation. Awake in us the desire to work for your world with passion and boldness. Lift us up on eagles' wings, so that we may not be overwhelmed by the task ahead. In the power of the Holy Spirit who renews the face of the Earth.*

Amen.

*A Collect for the Season of Creation, Anglican Church of Canada