

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
20th Sunday After Pentecost – October 10, 2021
Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

Intercessor: *Marylou Kingham*

Creator God, we gather on this Harvest Thanksgiving to bring our thanks, prayers, and praise to you. Being blessed by the bounty of your creation, we pray for those less fortunate, for all who are suffering from the destruction of their environment due to climate change, natural disasters, civil unrest, and oppression. 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 the harvest.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

For the Church universal, our Bishop Todd, and for all who minister to those who go without. We pray that everyone, everywhere will benefit from the bounty of the land, and that no one will be hungry, or go without the necessities of life.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Bless our queen, Elizabeth, who has faithfully served her subjects in times of peace, and in times of stress and conflict. Watch over her and keep her safe, as she fulfills her oath and duty.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for our community of Stratford and all communities everywhere. We pray for pleasant weather for the harvest, and for those who work the land, so that all may benefit from the bounty of the earth.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creator God, we pray that as your Son taught us, we can lighten the yoke of those who are carrying heavy burdens. 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: *Marilyn, Angela, Peter, Nikki, Rob, Ilene, Judy, Marion, Abby, Jack, Maggie D., Ulrika, Marilyn, Lisa, Alexia, Judy, Ed, Heidi & Jared, Peter, Robert, Jenelle, Richard, Joyce, Grace & Family, Paul, Mary, Robert, Bob, Heather.*

Creator Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Laura Mitchell, Muriel Percy, Jennifer Leaney, Melanie Hughes, Linda Dietrich, Bruce McLaren, Cole Parish, Chase Taylor;* and for the couples celebrating wedding anniversaries: *Steve & Bonnie Monteith, Richard & Lynn Falshaw, Michael & Susan Fox, David & Joan Parson.*

Creator God in our celebrations make us always mindful of those who feel that they have little or nothing to celebrate.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creator God, we pray for those who mourn and for those who are near death. We pray for those who have completed their earthly journey and are now safe with you in your glorious kingdom, where no one goes without. Today we pray especially for *Heather McKeand-Proctor* and *Orville Mussell*, in whose loving memory flowers have been given today to the Glory of God. We pray for the souls of the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and for 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

Blessed are you Creator God of all creation, for you give us abundantly, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold; we praise you for the harvest and for assurance of food and drink for another year; strengthen us as we enjoy what we are given to help the hungry and intolerably poor.*

Amen.

* Prayers for Various Occasions, [A New Zealand Prayer Book](#)