

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
21st Sunday After Pentecost – October 17, 2021

Intercessor: *The Rev. Canon Tom Patterson*

Creator God, gathering as a Parish family we carry our prayers, concerns, and praise to you. While we give thanks for the beauty of your creation, we stop to pray for all who are suffering from the ravages of climate change, natural disasters, oppression, conflict, doubt, and injustice. In peace let us pray to the Lord,

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 of this land respectfully acknowledging the right of all to live in safety, with adequate housing, clean water, access to health care, and education.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

For the Church, Bishop Todd and all who preach the Gospel, we pray that nourished by scripture, we will all live as our Lord would have us live.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray that all in positions of power, authority and influence in our world may recognize their calling to servanthood, and never lose their identity with the needs and longings of those they serve.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for our community of Stratford and all communities. With the escalating anxiety over vaccine policies, we pray for the healing of fractured relationships with families, neighbours, co-workers, and communities. May all live together in respect and harmony for the health and well-being of the common good.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creator God, we ask that you show us how to be the light in a dark and divided and world. 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, Jenelle, Richard, Joyce, Grace & Family, Paul, Mary, Robert, Bob, Heather, Basil.*

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Duncan McIsaac.* Creator God, in our celebrations make us mindful of those who feel that they have nothing to celebrate or anyone to celebrate with.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creator God, we pray for those who mourn. Today we remember in our prayers, the family members, and friends, of parishioner *Arthur Wilson*, who mourn his recent passing. We pray for all who are nearing the end of their earthly journeys, and for those who have completed their journey. 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.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

**The Book of Common Prayer*