

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Feast of All Saints – October 31, 2021

Intercessor: *Rev. Canon Tom Patterson*

Creator God, on this the Eve of All Saints, as we gather this morning as a parish family, the United Nations Climate Change Conference is gathering in Glasgow, Scotland. We pray for the delegates to the conference and for all who are suffering from the ravages of climate change, natural disasters, oppression, conflict, doubt, and injustice. We pray for peace in the midst of turmoil 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 deep faith that led them to value and care for this land for thousands of years. We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth. Make us always mindful that the earth does not belong to us, we belong to the earth, and all that is in it. 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 live by the Gospel, draw us all together in one great company of disciples, together serving our Lord in his mission to the world.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray that you awaken the minds of those in power to the realities of those they govern to; confront the arrogance of the privileged with the vulnerability of the poor, to work for peace and justice for all.

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We pray for our community of Stratford and all communities, that being aware of the fragile state of the planet, they will engage with those who carelessly abuse it. We pray for all who work in the fields to gather up the harvest, and for healing for our Mother Earth so that those who come after us, may live with the bounty of all that creation has to offer.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creator God, we pray that you hold in your healing presence all those who suffer for the sake of conscience, or in body, mind, or spirit, and for those who care for them. We pray for those who have no one to pray for them. We pray for the saints who have gone before us. 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, Ulrika, Marilyn, Lisa, Alexia, Judy, Ed, Heidi & Jared, Peter, Jenelle, Richard, Mary, Robert, Bob, Heather, Peter, Dave.***

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We pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: ***John Rheahme, Nora McDonald, Grace Packham, Lisa Francis;*** and for those celebrating anniversaries: ***Murray & Charlotte McTavish.*** Creator God in our celebrations we pray that we will always be mindful of those with little or nothing to celebrate or anyone to celebrate with.

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Creator God, we hold in your presence those facing bereavement. The flowers on the Altar today have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of ***Ron J. Richards.***

We pray for all who are nearing the end of their earthly journeys, and for those who have joined you, and all the saints in your heavenly kingdom. ***Today we hold in our prayers the family and friends who mourn the recent passing of Paul Savelle, Margaret Dempsey (sister of parishioner, Jane Whittemore), and parishioner, Basil Hurst.*** May they all rest in peace and rise in glory, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We give thanks for St. James and all your saints who heard your call to holiness and obeyed the heavenly vision. Going forward we rejoice in their fellowship with us on our pilgrimage.*

Amen.

**The New Zealand Prayer Book (He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa)*