

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
24th Sunday After Pentecost – November 14, 2021

Intercessor: *Mark Allwood*

Creating God, as we gather, the last of the harvest is being gathered. We pray for all who work tirelessly on the fields to provide food for our tables; for those who are suffering from natural disasters; climate change; conflict of any kind; the marginalized; the homeless; and for those who have no one to pray for them. We pray that peace will triumph, and that fractures and divisions be healed. 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 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 look after this land as those who came before us did.

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Creating God, for the Church, Bishop Todd, and all who minister in this time of Pandemic, we pray that they may continue to find new ways to share the Gospel with the people.

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Creating God, we pray that those in authority and all who govern, govern wisely. Make them mindful of the inequities that abound in our society and turn their hearts and minds to serving with justice for all.

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Creating God, we pray for our community of Stratford and all communities, that they be places of safety, where all can live in peace and harmony with the assurance of adequate housing, clean water, an abundance of food for their tables, and access to education and health care.

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Creating God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. 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, Cheryl.*** You know our needs and the needs of all your servants. Uniting us in your truth and love, we pray that you will answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: ***Lisa Mullin, Catharine Pawson, Susan Bidgood, Hugh McDonald, Donald Galloway.***

Creating God, in our celebrations we pray that we will always be mindful that many feel isolated from society, and that they have nothing to celebrate or anyone to celebrate with.

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Creating God, we pray for all who are nearing the end of their earthly journeys, for those who have died, and for those that mourn. 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.

As we go out into the world “grant that we may walk in your presence, with love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, and your strength in our will”.*

Amen.

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