

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**The Reign of Christ – November 21, 2021**

**Intercessor: *Marylou Kingham***

Creating God, as we come together to celebrate The Reign of Christ, the last Sunday of the church year, we have an opportunity to think about what the world might look like if everyone behaved like Jesus. Let us take up our discipleship and bring to God our prayers for our sisters and brothers in British Columbia, and all the suffering people of this world. We pray for those affected by natural disasters, climate change, conflict of any kind, the marginalized and homeless, the refugees, and those who feel that they cannot pray, or have no one to pray for them.

**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 our Lord would have us do.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creating God, we pray for the Church, Bishop Todd, and all who minister to God's people. We pray that they may continue to find the strength and wisdom to find new ways to bring the Word of God to the people in these challenging times.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creating God, we pray that those in authority, and all who govern, work to build community life, healing fractures and divisions, so that all may live in harmony loving their neighbours as themselves.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creating God, we pray for our community of Stratford and all communities, that they be places where the love of God is felt by all.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creating God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. We pray that you, knowing their needs, hold in your healing presence all your servants and 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, Yvonne.*

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

We pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Steve George, Bonnie Monteith, Ian McDonald, Ashley Sebben, Carter Francis, Catherine Uffen, Lorraine Colbeck, Nancy Packham;* and for those celebrating anniversaries: *Larry & Linda Dietrich.* Creating God, in our celebrations we pray that those who feel they have little or nothing to celebrate, or anyone to celebrate with, will feel your loving presence and know that they are not alone.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

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.**

Jesus said that what we do, or don't do, for the least of his brothers, we do for him. On this, the Reign of Christ, as we go forth, we must do our best as individuals, to bring the Kingdom of God a little closer to all we meet.

**Amen.**