

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Second Sunday of Advent – December 5, 2021

Intercessor: *Stephanie Donaldson*

Creating God, as we come together on this the second Sunday in Advent, we light the candle of Peace on our Advent wreath. We bring our prayers, petitions, praise, and concerns to you as we pray for our sisters and brothers in British Columbia, and all the suffering people of this world. We pray for those whose lives have been disrupted by natural disasters, climate change, and conflict of any kind. We pray for an end to COVID worldwide, for the marginalized and homeless, the refugees and for those who feel they cannot pray or have no one to pray for them. We pray that you will still their hearts and souls and bring them peace.

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. Teach us to live in peace with one another caring for your creation.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God, we pray for the Church, Bishop Todd, and all who live in faith. We ask that you qualify the called and pray that we affirm the value of every human life and live by the Gospel that commands us to seek peace with justice.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God, we pray that we never see power misused by those that have been appointed or elected to govern us. We ask that they serve us with justice and equity for all.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God, we pray for our community of Stratford and all communities, that they be places where women and men of good will choose to live peacefully in your way, caring for creation and each other, courageously speaking truth to power.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God, you are present in this world wherever hope is alive. Knowing that you know their needs we, unworthy as we are, pray for all 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, Jenelle, Richard, Mary, Robert, Bob, Heather, Yvonne.* Please wrap them in your healing arms and bring them peace in their afflictions.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Kyle Gascho, Jane Slater, Jodi Pardy, Keith Edwards, Sue Hughes, Lois Webb.*

Creating God, in our celebrations we pray for peace of heart and soul for those who feel that they have little or nothing to celebrate. Bring them into your presence where they will never walk alone.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God, we pray for those who mourn and grieve the loss of a loved one, and for those who know within themselves, or see in others a loss of ability or agility, a loss of independence, or a dimming of the light. We pray for the souls of the children who never returned asking that they rest in peace and rise in glory, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

“May the God of Peace inspire us, may the God of Justice empower us, may the God of Hope encourage us to live the Good News.”*

Amen.