

Prayers of the People
Second Sunday after the Epiphany - January 16, 2022
Intercessor: Mary Lou Kingham

Creating God, together we have danced at the wedding and savoured the good wine. Now turning our thoughts to others we bring our prayers, supplications and thanks to our Lord. We pray for all, who for so many reasons, are bearing heavy burdens: those facing difficulties and problems to which they can see no solutions, wrestling with inner fears and racked by anxiety for themselves or loved ones: troubles about money, health, work or relationships; all who crave rest for their souls and cannot find it.

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. In this pandemic let us not lose our focus on the care and concern for the health of our mother earth.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God, we pray for the Church, Bishop Todd, our Diocese of Huron and for all who are working tirelessly to meet our spiritual needs in these extremely challenging times. We pray that needs be met and that we can, each in our own way, ease their burdens.

Creator Hear and Have Mercy,

Creating God we pray that all who have been elected or appointed not lose sight of why they were chosen to govern. We pray that you give them the wisdom to make wise and just decisions for their people, ensuring dignity, justice and peace for all they serve.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God we pray for our community of Stratford and all communities everywhere. We pray that all may safely live in harmony with one another. We pray for Choices for Change and the congregation of St. Pauls as they work to bring a long needed service to the marginalized of this community. We pray that by following best practices we can rid our communities of this pandemic and return to a more relaxed way of life.

Creator Hear and Have Mercy,

Creating God hear our prayers for those who are experiencing pain, loss or worry; for all who are suffering of body, mind or spirit; and for those who needs are known to you. We pray for all who are COVID weary and long for an end to the pandemic and a return to a more normal way of living. Relieve their anxieties and bring them peace. Knowing that you know their needs we turn over to your loving care those who have asked us to pray for them: *Marilyn, Angela, Peter, Niki, Rob, Ilene, Judy, Abby, Jack, Ulrika, Marilyn, Lisa, Alexia, Judy, Ed, Heidi & Jared, Jenelle Richard, Mary, Robert, Bob, Heather, Greg, David, Stephen, Doug, Jean (Jeenie), James, Joseane and from St. James, St. Marys: Jenny, Erika, Linda, Ron, Larry, Sophie, Earl, Sam, Sadie, Joanne and Faye.*

Creator Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Richard Oldfield, Austin Leigh Rankl, Janet McCarthy, Matthew Rheaume, Judy Ross, David Scott Langford, Hardy Kieran Westman, and Janet Hook.*

Creating God, in our celebrations we stop to pray for those who feel that they have nothing to celebrate or anyone to celebrate with.

Creator Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God, we commend to your peace those who mourn the loss of a loved one. May they receive comfort at this time.

We pray for the children who never returned and all who have joined you in your heavenly kingdom. May they rest in peace and rise in glory knowing the deep peace of Christ.

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“May the heart of God, ever filled with costly love, cherish us deeply, mending any brokenness and affirming our worth.” *

Amen