

**Prayers of the People**  
**Last Sunday after the Epiphany ~ February 27 2022**  
**Intercessor: Lori Colbeck**

Creating God, As Peter, John and James followed Jesus up the mountain we too follow your Son, our Saviour. As he taught us we bring our prayers, praise and concerns to you.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Giving thanks for God's creation we acknowledge that we are gathered 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. Create in us that same faith that we may look after our earthly home as those who came before us have.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creating God, we pray for the Church, Bishop Todd, our Diocese of Huron and all churches everywhere. As we look forward to returning to our churches, we give thanks for the technology that has allowed us to continue to worship together during these challenging times..

**Creator Hear and Have Mercy,**

Creating God we pray that all who govern strive to keep the peace, "beating their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks". We pray that "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more".

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creating God we pray for our community of Stratford and all communities everywhere. We pray that as we return to a more normal way of life we do so respectfully, acknowledging that there will be others whose opinions differ from ours.

**Creator Hear and Have Mercy,**

Creating God hear our prayers for those who do not feel loved that they will know they are beloved children of God. 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, Marilyn, Lisa, Alexia, Judy, Heidi & Jared, Jenelle Richard, Mary, Robert, Bob, Heather, Greg, David, Stephen, Doug, Jeenie, Maura, Jim, Gwen, Lyn & Chuck, Nigel, Mary.*

**Creator Hear and Have Mercy.**

We pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays: ***Karin Mussen, Laura Snowden, Ryan Mullin***. And those celebrating anniversaries: ***Barry and Janet McCarthy, Ted and Shirley Jeffrey***. Creating God, as we rejoice in our celebrations may we never forget that many in this world 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. Comfort them as they grieve.

### **Ceator, Hear and Have Mercy**

“God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who will fear tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.”\*

Amen

\*A Prayer for Ukraine

Archbishop Justin Welby  
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell