

Prayers of the People
Sunday, June 19, 2022
(Paddy Waymark)

Good morning to you all;

Let us speak to God with an open heart, a welcoming posture and a quiet mind. Let us become still as we forward our concerns to the One who is always there for us. Even though we are in the Universe as small as the grains of sands in time, we carry God's light and love every day of our lives.

God of Stillness...Hear Our Prayers

We are aware that we are not treating this planet You have given us in a loving way. An unseasonably cool June, stories of heat waves and flooding south of us, continuous bickering about how to develop plans to curb fossil fuels, and far too much garbage in our environment; all cry out for leadership, appropriate rules and enforcement, before they are forced on us or it is too late. Support us to see ahead and speed up our efforts to decrease the point at which we can no longer stop the cumulative effect of climate change. In our quiet thoughts, we feel the urgency.

God of Stillness...Hear Our Prayers

We are aware that the financial environment around the globe is changing. Inflation, interest increases, labour unrest, market unrest, employment issues, supply chain problems, weather effects on food markets, and population increases are all pushing us into instability. Many of us are fortunate with our pensions, homes, financial security and ability to help others. But previous generations may not be as fortunate. We need to be heard and influence as much as we can the kind of measures that will stabilize our families and younger people. We pray to You that we can and will take on this responsibility.

God of Stillness...Hear Our Prayers

We all appreciate the beauty you supply us with every day: the quiet green forests, flowers in abundance, breezes, ocean views and agricultural vistas. They help to centre us in our busy lives and multiple concerns. They support us in our attempts to solve problems and become more One with You. Thank you for this serenity, and we pray that we can steward Your world more effectively because of it.

God of Stillness...Hear Our Prayers

We are only too aware that Covid shots and mandates, those which we believe are a part of your work to save lives and make us healthier, can be the objects of derision, avoidance and anger. We pray to you for patience and fortitude in staying steady in dealing with this divisive issue. We are grateful for the sense of calmness You convey to each of us as we listen in the silence.

God of Stillness... Hear Our Prayers

We are disturbed as we hear about the information coming out of the January 6th hearings in Washington. Once again, we pray that the facts reveal themselves and that divisive pressures can be decreased. God, we turn to You as we look at the war in Ukraine and hope with all our beings that a solution can be found so that terrible war can end.

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As we all get older (and better) in some respects (!), our meds, our supplements and our hospital and clinic experiences become more frequent. We find it amazing what negative situations our bodies can get themselves into.

We pray to You for positive outlooks, to see the best in every situation, to take care of others who need us and to pray for their welfare. We hope and pray for more doctors on our island, and to support efforts to find housing for them.

We pray for Sandy's soul, as she has passed from our physical sphere, with thanks for everything she did for our church. We pray for those in our congregation with spouses or friends who are ill or recovering from surgery. Let's take a moment now to name those in our hearts for whom we have concern:

God of Stillness...Hear Our Prayers
And be our anchor and our rock forever more

(Let us now say the Lord's Prayer together.)