

Prayers of the People
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 7, 2022
Intercessor: Pam Ayres

Creating God, 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 praise you Lord and give thanks for your gift of creation. We ask that you show us how to care for Turtle Island as the First Peoples did.

Creator, hear our prayer.

Creating God, we pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan; Linda our Primate; Sidney, Interim National Indigenous Bishop; Martinez, Bishop of Amazonia and all the Bishops of the Anglican Communion gathered in Canterbury. We pray that the Fifteenth Lambeth Conference will see all assembled remain faithful to their calling and that differences be respected and divisions reconciled for the good of God's Church in God's World.

Creator, hear our prayer.

Creating God, give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives, free from conflict, want and strife. We pray for those whose lives have been devastated by flooding, wild fires and other natural disasters. For those whose lives are made difficult by the effects of climate change. and all victims of society that you will be their help and defense. We pray for the ships leaving the Port of Odessa carrying grain, that they may safely reach their destinations. We remember especially the people of the occupied territories, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Yemen.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God we pray for this city of Stratford and all communities represented here today. We pray for the people who live in them, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women that you will show your good will to all. We pray for the Connection Centre operating out of St. Paul's, giving thanks for the many who serve there we ask that your endow all the guests with your comfort and grace. We continue to pray for our Camp Huron, as it opens again this week to receive campers and give thanks for our ministry in this special place. Remembering our farmers who labour night and day to keep us fed we pray for the rain so desperately needed for their crops, that they may flourish.

Creator Hear and Have Mercy,

Creating God , Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body, mind or spirit. We pray for those who have asked us to pray for them: *Marilyn, Angela, Niki, Rob, Judy, Richard, Mary, Robert, Bob, Heather, David, Stephen, Doug, Jean, Jeenie, Jim, Lyn & Chuck, Maribel, Carol, Ed, Ellen, Nancy, Kat, Ted*

Creator Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God, we pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Noah Phibbs, Roland Rhodes, Tanya Ritz, Joan Ebel, Catherine Hawkins*, and for those celebrating anniversaries: *Krista and Jimmy Sebben*. In our celebrations may we always be mindful of those who feel that they have nothing to celebrate or anyone to celebrate with.

Creator Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God, we remember the children who never returned. We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs and those known to you alone. We pray that we too may be counted among your faithful servants. Grant a peaceful and eternal rest to all who are dying and your comfort to those who mourn.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy

“Breath of Life, from whom all order was created, the whole of creation bears witness to you. Teach us to respect all creatures for our loving providence. Forgive us our insensitivity and carelessness with the environment, instigate us to fight for socio-environmental preservation and the end of the climate crisis. Taking care and working for the preservation of species and the maintenance of life on earth, as living proof of our conversion to the way of Christ our Lord., who lives and reigns with you and with the Holy Spirit, now and forever.”*

Amen

*Lambeth Conference ~ A prayer of hope for our world. Offered by Bishop Marinez, Rosa, dos Santos Bassotto, Amazon, Brazil

