

Prayers of the People
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 23, 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. As the last of the crops are gathered in and the threshing floors are full of grain let us never lose sight of the bounty of this land, always giving thanks to those who farm this rich land to God and the Creator as the First Peoples did.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy

Creating God, we pray for our church, for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan; Linda our Primate; Sidney, Interim National Indigenous Bishop; Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia and Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all who minister in the church. We pray that you deepen the faith of your people to enable us to spread the good news by our word and our lives. We pray for the peoples and communities of Primeria Igelsia Bautista and Fielesa Jesus Episcopal Church as they battle the fires that have burned for five days and ravaged the super tanker port, city and surrounding area of Matanzas, Cuba. We pray for Jamie Baxter, John Paul Markides and Allison McDougall who are being ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons this Sunday. We hold in our prayers The Reverend Canon Rob Lemon and his family as they look for a house in this community in preparation for their move to Stratford and St. James.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy

Creating God, breath your peace into the violence of our world. We pray for government leaders who will be guided by peace, justice and equity for all they serve and not be like the Pharisees who exalted themselves, rather that they will humble themselves and serve wisely. Creator breath your peace into this world. We pray for the people of the Occupied Territories, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Yemen, Taiwan, Libya, Pakistan, and all who are putting their lives back together following hurricanes Fiona and Ian.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God we pray for this city of Stratford and all communities represented here today. We continue to give thanks for the Connection Centre at St. Paul's, St. James Food Bank and St. Stephen's 'Our House' initiative for the wonderful work that they are doing in the community. We pray that all may share in the abundance of this land and have food on their tables, adequate shelter and access to medical help as winter approaches.

Creator Hear and Have Mercy,

Creating God, we pray for all who have suffered the injustice of gender discrimination, colonialism and human trafficking. Knowing that you know their needs we pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit and for those who have asked us to pray for them: *Marilyn, Angela, Niki, Rob, Judy, Richard, Mary, Robert, Bob, Heather, David, Stephen, Doug, Jim, Maribel, Carol, Ellen, Nancy, Diane, Eric, Terry, Susan, Jim, Anne, Ann, Mary Lou, Olivia, David and the family that S.A.L.T. III is sponsoring as they are finally preparing to travel to Canada.*

Creator Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God, we pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week *Phil Guest, Reece Douglas, The Venerable Tanya Phibbs & Wade Phibbs, Daniel Hawkins* and for those celebrating anniversaries *Dianne & Brian Hern, Karen Mitchell & The Reverend Lorne Mitchell, Joan & Neil Ebel, Helen Mussell & Norm Bird* Let us always be mindful that there are many who feel they have nothing to celebrate and no one to celebrate with.

Creator Hear and Have Mercy.

We pray for the repose of Tim Scanlon's soul and all who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. May they share in your heavenly banquet where none go without. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. May light perpetual shine upon them. We ask your comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved one.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy

“O sacred season of Autumn, be our teacher, for we wish to learn the virtue of contentment. As we gaze upon your full-coloured beauty, we sense all about you an at-homeness with your amber riches. You are the season of retirement, full barns and harvested fields. They cycle of growth has ceased, and the busy work of giving life is now completed. . . . As you, O Autumn, take pleasure in your great bounty, let us also take delight in the abundance of the simple things of life which are the true source of joy. With the golden glow of peaceful contentment may we truly appreciate this autumn day.”

Amen

*Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim, Autumn Psalm of Contentment

