

**Prayers of the People**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, November 13, 2022**  
**Intercessor: The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson**

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 are grateful for the beauty and variety of our landscapes all over Turtle Island. We pray that we may cherish and respect the universe we inhabit 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 for the candidates for our National Indigenous Bishop as the election draws near. Grant them wisdom as they discern their call. Please keep in your prayers our sisters and brothers in our Companion Diocese of Amazonia as they host the Brazilian national Synod at their Cathedral of Santa Maria in Belem.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy**

Creating God, we pray to God who wants us to walk in peace and knows that we need to find that peace. We pray that the newly elected and all who govern will govern wisely, acknowledging our diversity, respecting our differences while working to assure peace to the people they serve. We pray for peace for the people of the Occupied Territories, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Yemen, Taiwan, Libya, and all corners of the world where there is conflict or civil unrest.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creating God we pray for this city of Stratford and all communities represented here today. We offer our thanks that the classrooms are open and children have returned to school. 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 positive impact they are having in meeting the needs of those less fortunate in this community. We pray that our eyes may see all others with God's affection.

### **Creator Hear and Have Mercy,**

Creating God, we pray for the patient endurance of so many who suffer so much. We pray that they may come to know Christ's wholeness and refreshing, his upholding and healing. Knowing that you know their needs we pray for bodies and spirits to be healed 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, Mary Lou, Olivia, Vivienne, Betty, Mary, Richard, Marion, Bob Lott, his wife Anne and son Kevin as they mourn the loss of Bob's mother who passed away this week, the family that S.A.L.T. III is sponsoring as they are finally cleared to travel to Canada, and the person who broke the lock on the Prayer Mailbox. We pray for wisdom for the delegates attending the COP 27 Conference occurring in Egypt. From our Prayer Mail Box: we have been asked to pray for the congregations of St. James and the congregations of all the churches in the Diocese of Huron.*

### **Creator Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creating God, we pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Lisa Mullin, Catherine Pawson, Susan Bidgood, Hugh McDonald*. Let us always be mindful that there are many who are alone and feel they have nothing to celebrate and no one to celebrate with.

### **Creator Hear and Have Mercy.**

We pray for those whose earthly journeys have come to an end. We pray for Thomas, for the repose of his soul. He was only 11 when he died as the result of bullying. May he rest in peace and rise in glory, may light perpetual shine upon him. In gratitude for the promise of mercy triumphing over judgement, we commend to God's love for ever our own loved ones who have died. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine Kingham and Emily Hill and Lillian Kingham by their granddaughter and daughter Mary Lou. We ask your comfort for all who mourn the loss of loved one.

### **Creator, Hear and Have Mercy**

"May this time of prayer fill us with the whisper of your presence, let us feel the touch of your hand upon our hearts."\*

Amen

\*Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim, A Psalm of Longing