

**Prayers of the People**  
**Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 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 pray that we will live in peace with your creation as the First Peoples do.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy**

Creating God, as we wait for the coming of the Christ Child we pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan; Linda our Primate; Sidney, Interim National Indigenous Bishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia and Primate of Brazil, all Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all who minister in your church. We pray for the candidates for our National Indigenous Archbishop. We give thanks today as we welcome our new Rector, The Reverend Canon Rob Lemon, his wife Trish and children Rebekah and Jacob.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy**

Creating God, we pray that the world's leaders and all in authority, may lead and govern wisely and honestly, without corruption and for the common good. May they respect the dignity of all they serve. We pray for peace and stability 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 pray for peace in our communities and that every family may be surrounded and upheld by God's loving presence, that conflicts may be healed and needs provided for, and every act of kindness blessed. We offer our thanks for the Connection Centre at St. Paul's, St. James Food Bank and St. Stephen's 'Our House' initiative.

**Creator Hear and Have Mercy,**

Creating God, We pray for reassurance and healing, hope and peace for all who are suffering in any way. Knowing that you know their needs we pray for bodies minds 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, Anne, Mary Lou, Ann,*

*Olivia, Vivienne, Betty, Mary, Richard, Marion, Bob, Paul and the family that S.A.L.T. III is sponsoring as they finally are preparing to travel to Canada.*

**Creator Hear and Have Mercy.**

Creating God, we pray for those in our St. James family who celebrated birthdays this past week: *Trish Taylor and Rebekah Lemon* and for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Ron Fisher, Kyle Gasho, Jane Slater, Jodi Pardy, Keith Edwards and Sue Hughes* 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.**

Creating God, We pray for those who have completed their time on earth. May they know the freedom, joy and fullness of unending life in heaven. May the Lord give comfort to the bereaved, and everlasting peace to all who rest in his love.

**Creator, Hear and Have Mercy**

“O Prince of Peace, whose advent we seek in our lives. Come this day and show us how to beat our swords into plowshares, tools of life instead of instruments of fear. . . . . Let us be Advent adventurers and peacemakers, hammering swords into shovels, filling holes and leveling peaks. Let us be disarmed and vulnerable for only through such open hands and hearts can Emmanuel come.”\*

Amen

\*Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim Advent Peace Psalm