

Prayers of the People
Second Sunay After Epiphany, January 15, 2023
Intercessor: Jane Whittemore

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. Keep us in touch with this planet we inhabit, help us to tend it well and enjoy its beauty.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy

Creating God, we pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan; Linda our Primate; Chris Harper, National Indigenous Archbishop and Marinez Bishop of Amazonia and Primate of Brazil, all Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all who minister in your church. We give thanks for The Reverend Allie McDougall, Assitant Curate at St. Paul's, for worshiping with us today and preaching an inspiring sermon. We pray that, like the disciples, we may carry the Gospel to our brothers and sisters wherever they may be.

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Creating God, we pray that the world's leaders seek not power but the public good; may conflicts be faced honestly and needs met and recognized. We pray for peace and stability for the people of the Occupied Territories, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Yemen, Libya, Peru, Brazil and all corners of the world where people are living in chaos and in fear.

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Creating God we pray for this city of Stratford and all communities represented here today. We pray for the households of the communities we represent and Gods indwelling there. May there be love and respect for one another in every household; may there be mutual support and thoughtfulness, consideration and trust. We offer our thanks for the Connection Centre at St. Paul's, St. James Food Bank and St. Stephen's 'Our House' initiative, may the people they serve always feel respected, supported and loved.

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Creating God, we pray for the weak, the vulnerable, the weary and those who are sad. Knowing that you know their needs 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, Maribel, Nancy, Terry, Susan, Anne, Mary Lou, Ann, Paul, Susan, Frank, Norah, Laurie, Bill S. and Bill C. and Bruce and Jean.* We give thanks that the *Alta'eh* family will finally arrive in Canada in a little over two weeks. We ask God to journey with them and bring them safely to their new home.

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Creating God, we pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Richard Oldfield, Austin Leigh Rankl, Janet McCarthy, Matthew Rheaume* and those celebrating anniversaries: *Jane & Eric Whittemore*. May we always be mindful that there are many who feel that they have nothing to celebrate and no one to celebrate with.

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Creating God we pray for those who have died in God's friendship and give thanks for their lives. May they be called into the light of heaven. We pray that all who mourn the loss of a loved one be comforted.

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“Father as the disciples saw your glory revealed in Jesus, so may your glory be revealed in us through Christ our Lord”*

Amen

*Living Water by Susan Sayers