

Prayers of the People
Second Sunday of Easter, April 16, 2023
Low Sunday
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. God of every land and nation you have created all people, help us we pray to become one living body looking after your Creation as the first peoples do.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy

Creating God, we bring to you all those who find it hard to believe, so hard to trust in a faithful and loving God; we bring those who teach the faith; all who preach the good news. We pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan; Linda our Primate; Chris Harper, National Indigenous-Elect and Marinez Bishop of Amazonia and Primate of Brazil, all Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all who minister in your church. Give the right words for each situation and each person, enable the seed to take root and grow.

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Creating God, we bring those whose authority and decisions affect the lives of many people and the health of the planet. We pray for sensitivity and honesty, and the strength to retain integrity even in positions of power. 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.

Creator, Hear and Have Mercy

Creating God we pray for this city of Stratford and all communities represented here today. We bring the newly born and their parents, and all whose family circumstances face change; give us the spiritual flexibility to adapt to your guiding in all our relationships, and above all in our relationship with you. We pray that we may serve those who are served by the Connection Centre at St. Paul's, St. James' Food Bank and St. Stephen's 'Our House' initiative in ways that best meet their needs.

Creator Hear and Have Mercy

Creating God, we bring all for whom illness or injury has caused disruption, uncertainty and the prospect of long term change; all who find their lives are spinning out of control; give them working knowledge of your total loving and unchanging presence, so that in all troubles of life they may be assured of your everlasting protection. Knowing that you know their needs we pray for those who have asked us to pray for them: ***Niki, Rob, Marg, Maribel, Mary Lou, Frank, Norah, Laurie, Bill S., Bruce, Jean, Mary and Harold, Devin, Barbara, Sharon, Dreye and The Reverend Jason Richards.***

Creator Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God, we pray for those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: ***David Leany, Jean Little, Pam Ayres, Emersyn Miller, Karen Haslem, Margaret Crwaford, Dylan Francis and David LeBurn .*** May we always be aware that there are many who feel that they nothing to celebrate and no one to celebrate with.

Creator Hear and Have Mercy.

Creating God we commend to your love and mercy all those who have made the journey through death, expecially any who have died unprepared, or violent deaths. We thank you for your understanding and compassion and pray that they may know the forgiveness, peace and joy of heaven. We pray that all who mourn the loss of a loved one be comforted.

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“God of peace, by the blood of the eternal covenant you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep; make us perfect in every good work, and work in us that which is pleasing and good; through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever”.*

Amen

*A New Zealand Prayer Book, He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, The Second Sunday after Easter