

**Prayers of the People**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2023**  
**Intercessor: Jane Whittemore**

As we gather in the company of the living God, we bring our prayers, praises and petitions to the throne of grace saying: Lord hear our prayer.

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 would be faithful to our neighbours and love them as we've been loved. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, we pray that the Church may be alive with your risen life, refreshed and revived by the breath of your Spirit, purified and refined like gold and silver, so that we truly offer the possibility of saving love to the searching world. We pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Chris National Indigenous Archbishop and Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia and Primate of Brazil. We pray for all Bishops, Priests and Deacons and all who bear witness in your Church. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, we pray that in all meetings and conferences where important decisions are taken, hearts may be turned to honour what is just and true, compassionate and constructive. We pray for the peoples of the world that struggle. We pray that in all areas where there is violence, corruption, deceit or distrust consciences may be sensitized afresh to know what is right and to strive for it. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, we pray for the streets and places of work we represent. May they be places where the truth of your being is proclaimed daily by the way we live and handle the everyday situations we encounter. May our words and actions speak of your faithful love, your graciousness, and purity. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, we pray for all who feel out of their depth, all who are struggling in their pain, sorrow or guilt. Set them free, O God, and save them. We pray for those who have asked us to pray for them: *Niki, Rob, Marg, Maribel, Mary Lou, Frank and Norah, Laurie, Bruce, Jean, Mary, Bill. S., Barbara, Sharon, Devin, Dreyes, Bill, Nancy, Cran, David, Tony and Vi.* Support them to a place of safety and fix their feet in the solid rock of your love. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, walk with those in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Vi Wilson, Elizabeth Ainslie, Mary Steel, Ethan Francis, Elena Mitchell, Tessa Sebben, April Racho, Kevin Ransom, Richard Young, Wayne Schmidt, and Philip Fox, Bridget Louise Donaldson* and with those celebrating anniversaries: *Joy and Scott Wishart, Nancy and John Rheaume, Beth and Russ Jessop and Muriel Percy and Bob Gladding*. Bring joy to their celebrations. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, we pray for those who have died and now see you as you really are and we remember especially the loved ones of Larry and Phyllis Davis. We ask for mercy and forgiveness, and commend them to your keeping forever. We pray that you will comfort all those they left behind. We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, your love for us is so great and our love for you is so small. Thank you for accepting what we are able to offer ignite us to a blaze of love by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**Amen**