

Prayers of the People
The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023
Jerusalem Sunday
Intercessor: Karen Haslam

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.

As the Church of God, let us pray together.

Holy God, responding with:

hear our prayer.

God of glory, on this Jerusalem Sunday may your light shine in our church community as you work among us and bless us with your presence; we offer you the gifts you have given us in our ministries. We pray for Todd our Bishop; Anne our Metropolita; Linda our Primate; Chris National Indigenous Archbishop-Elect; Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia and Primate of Brazil; Hosam Naoum, Archbishop of Jerusalem and The Very Reverend Richard Sewell, Dean of St. George's College, Jerusalem. We pray for all Bishops, Priests and Deacons and all who bear witness in your Church. We pray for the Sacred Circle taking place this week in Orillia.

Holy God,

hear our prayer.

God of glory, may the whole world come to know you and give you honour and praise. May your kingdom come and your will be done. We pray for justice and peace for the peoples of the Occupied Territories, especially the peoples of the Aida, Azza and Dheisheh (pronounced: deshay) Refugee Camps in the West Bank, Gaza, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Sudan, Yemen, Libya, Pakistan, Syria, Peru, Brazil, and Haiti. Encourage us all to stand up to the devil, when he prowls, firm in our faith and strengthened with your power.

Holy God,

hear our prayer.

God of glory, may the neighbourhoods, homes, schools, shops, offices and factories represented here today become places where your glory is seen and experienced in the ordinary things, the everyday routines, the pots and pans of life. Fill us to overflowing with ongoing thankfulness both in the sunlight and in the storm.

Holy God,

hear our prayer.

God of glory, with your special affection for the discarded, the marginalized, the weak, the vulnerable, those troubled in body, mind or spirit, refugees and peoples who have been displaced from their land, we pray for all those who find life an exhausting struggle, who long for some respite from pain or depression and 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 Ron.* Support them in their troubles, bring healing and reassurance, and touch them with the gentleness of your peace.

Holy God,
hear our prayer.

God of glory, join with us in our St. James family who are celebrating birthdays this week: *Karen Smith, Laureen Smith, Beth Jessop, Jean Hodgins, Marc Allely, Garry Ransom, Julie Brown, and Nanci Fair,* and for those celebrating anniversaries: *Diane Egerton and Mark Allwood, and Catherine and Willaim Hawkins.* Rejoice with them in their celebrations.

Holy God,
hear our prayer.

God of glory, teach us to understand death in the context of your eternity, so that our fears are calmed as we approach it. Welcome with merciful love the souls of Doris Gladding and Roy Soth who died this past week and shelter their loved ones too. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Holy God,
hear our prayer.

God of glory, we thank you that through your ascension into heaven the way was open for us to receive the Holy Spirit. Prepare all hearts each day to welcome you.

Amen

