

**Prayers of the People**  
**The Day of Pentecost, May 28, 2023**  
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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.

Holy Spirit of God, to you be praise and glory forever.  
As your Spirit moved over the face of the deep bringing life to the world,  
and as the same Spirit filled the disciples at Pentecost come to us, refresh us  
and renew us as we pray.  
Holy Spirit of God, responding with:  
**Hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit of God, we ask your Blessing on The Church,  
that it may have the courage to proclaim the Good News  
and to tell of your power through its display of the gifts of the Spirit.  
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.  
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  
and for our Diocesan Synod.  
Guide us, that each of us may use our gifts and talents to your glory  
and for the benefit of each other.  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit of God, giving life to dry bones.  
We ask your blessing upon all who feel threatened or who have lost hope.  
We remember before you all refugees, the homeless and oppressed peoples.  
Give your strength to all who seek to bring Liberty and Justice.  
We pray for an end of conflict for the peoples of the Occupied Territories and the  
Refugee Camps:  
in the West Bank, Gaza, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Sudan, Yemen,  
Libya, Pakistan, Syria, Peru, Brazil and Haiti.  
Guide the leaders of the nations and all who are in positions of authority into the ways of  
Peace.  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit of God, kindle the hearts which without you are dull and cold.  
Bless us in all our relationships; strengthen our love for each other;  
give joy to us, as families in our homes and in the communities represented here today.  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit of God, Breath of Life, we ask your blessing upon all who feel hindered  
or isolated through illness and disability.

We remember those in constant pain, all who are finding life difficult  
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, Tony, Ron, Ruth  
and from The Prayer Mail Box: Hank.***

Support them in their troubles; bring healing and reassurance,  
and touch them with the gentleness of your Peace.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit of God, join with us in our St. James family those who are celebrating  
birthdays this week: ***Garry Ransom, Nanci Fair, Michael McKenna, Sheryl Trotter,  
Barbara Lawlor, Richard Falshaw and Julie Brown.***

Rejoice with them in their celebrations. And make us always mindful that there are many  
who feel that they have nothing to celebrate and no one to celebrate with.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit of God, Giver of Life and Life Eternal, we rejoice in your renewing and  
restoring power.

We ask for your Blessings on our loved ones departed:

Gordon Smith, Marian Westcott and David Parsons,

that in you they may know the fullness of life and the joy of your presence.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory; may light perpetual shine upon them.

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

“God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit  
be our goal and our strength now and always.

You are truth. You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden.

Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every  
day. You warm and comfort us. You are courage and fire and strength, beyond our every  
day resources. Be with us Holy Spirit in all we say or think, in all we do this and every  
day.”\* Amen

This prayer was quoted from:

\*A New Zealand Prayer Book, He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa The Day of Pentecost