



Diocese of New Westminster

ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

The Right Reverend John R. Stephens
Bishop

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Greetings for Yom Kippur

Dear friend,

As the nights begin to lengthen please know of my prayers as you prepare for the solemn day of Yom Kippur. As the Sabbath of Sabbaths approaches, we are given the precious and important opportunity to reflect on our need for forgiveness – individually and within families, communities, and nations.

As I pray for you and Jewish communities across our province observing the day, I also pray for the courage to model this same posture of atonement and seeking after forgiveness, and offer you and God thanks for the beautiful way you remind us, year after year, how to embody openness, humility, and justice-seeking.

This may be the first year in several years that the synagogues are full. May the solemnity of the day be threaded through with joy at being able to gather together, may healing reign, and may forgiveness blossom even in this autumn time.

Faithfully,

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