

Prayers of the People – Sunday September 26, 2021

Let us offer our prayers to our creator saying, **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts of creation. You have provided us with all that we need and so much more. Help us to right our relationship with creation so that we may care for the world around us just as you care for us.

ALL: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations, for those crippled by debt, for all whose people live in poverty, for all whose people live in danger. We pray for victims of volcanic eruptions in La Palma in the Canary Islands, of an earthquake in Australia and we pray for people of Myanmar forced to flee their homes due to increased fighting caused by the military coup. God bless those who help those who are in great need. Lord give us leaders strong in compassion and eager for justice and peace. We pray for our new government in Canada. May the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor be heard.

ALL: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Open our hearts Lord that we may respond to the needs of others. This morning we remember the children of the residential schools in Canada. We ask your blessing for all involved in preparing and participating in Truth and Reconciliation's Orange Shirt Day later this week to show support for those who were lost and those who continue to suffer. We give thanks for the First Nations People of Canada. Lord guide us with your Holy wisdom that together we may move forward gently and firmly on the way of justice and healing.

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Holy Father we pray for your church. May it extend your welcome to people of every race and background. Today we ask your blessing for the Episcopal Church in the Anglican Communion. In our diocese we pray for Christ Church Catawaqui, for the people and for those ministering to them. We ask your blessing for Bishop Michael. On this Cross of Nails Sunday in our diocese, Lord, we confess we have all fallen short of the glory of God. We pray forgive us our sins O Lord as you in Christ have forgiven us. Help us all to keep our eyes on you so that we can follow your promptings and respond to your call. Help us to see when another soul needs to be encouraged. Help us to be faithful to carrying one another's burdens, remembering we are all in this life together.

ALL: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray and give thanks always for our community of faith at St. Philip's and for all who in this life love and support us. We pray for our congregational meeting to be held today. May you guide us in our decisions. We pray and give thanks for our wardens Sally and Josef. We ask your blessing for them as they lead us in this time of change. We pray for Canon Nancy, for her future with us. God be with her current churches as they face her loss and begin their search for a new Incumbent. We pray and give thanks for Fr. Don, for his time with us and for his future with St. John the Evangelist, Stirling, St. Paul's, Roslin, and St. Matthew's, Marlbank. God the healer we lift up to you now any in our lives who are sick in mind body or spirit. We name them aloud or silently:

Lord comfort all who are sick, caregiving, overwhelmed or grief-stricken this day. May they feel the consolation of your embrace.

ALL: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of peace help us to know the inner calm that comes from faith in you. Instill in us a creative compassion, a thirst for justice and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**