

St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener

Prayer Concerns for the Week of August 27, 2023

We pray for people and communities beyond our own.

We pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and for our common ministry and mission with other dioceses, provinces, and areas in our church.

We pray for Bishop of Huron, Todd; for Archbishop and Metropolitan, Anne; for Archbishop and Primate, Linda; for National Indigenous Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle, Chris; for Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for Eastern Synod Bishop, Michael and for National Bishop, Susan; for leaders of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America. *

We pray for Executive Archdeacon Alex Parsons and the communities of the Diocese of Saskatoon; for Bishop Kathy Martin and the communities of the British Columbia Synod; for the people of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America.

We pray for the people in the Deanery of London, and for the communities of St. Paul's Cathedral, Holy Trinity, Lucan and St. George's, Middlesex Centre.

We pray for Bishop Martinez and for our Companion Diocese of Amazonia; for our common mission and ministry.

We pray for our own neighbourhood and community.

We pray for our Rector, Preston; Director of Music, Angus; Wardens, Eleanor, Simon, Paul and other members of Parish Council, including Sarah, Anne, Casey, Marianne, Dave, Mohan, and Henriette; for Assistant Clergy, Ken, Paul, James, and Eileen; for all who provide leadership in our parish.

We pray for our choir and musicians, for all who serve at worship or on committees, and for all who provide a voice or face for the gospel in our community.

We pray for ministries sharing space with us; for Community Kitchen Cooperative K-W and for their cooking classes and shared meals.

We pray for the people of our parish, and for Kevin and Maureen Park, Bernice Payne, and Marie Peacock.

We pray for people who are sick, injured or dying, and for Mike, Elise, Victoria, Franco, Pat, Hazel, Viv, Ida, Wayne, Tracy, Jocelyn & Kelvin, Jim, Catherine, Linda, Derek, Erica, Joel, Andrea, Jane, Jayne, Linda, David, Sylvia and family, Bruce and Bill, Claudine, Marie, Jean Wright, John and Family, Monica, Marty and Family, Michele, Anne, Mike and Kathleen, Craig, Andréa and family, Cleo and Cordelia, and Beulah.

We pray for people and communities of special concern.

We pray for our Deanery Refugee Committee and newcomer family; for Alganesh, Binyam, Yoursalem, and Yonatan; for all who offer their time and talent to assist our family in their journey in a new and fulfilling life in Canada.

We pray for regions of conflict, and for people who face war, oppression, violence, or loss of life; for the leaders and people in Bukavu city and five territories of the Democratic Republic of Congo project to assist survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) to heal and safely reintegrate into their communities. **

We pray for regions of famine and poverty, and for all who suffer from hunger or malnourishment; for the people of Kenya, and for the farmers adopting sustainable financing, planning and dairy practices in the Climate Smart Agriculture program; for PWRDF's support in Colombia for peace and social justice for women and small-scale subsistence farmers in rural areas of the Páramo de Pisba. **

We pray for regions of weather and climate catastrophe; for the people of the Okanagan and of the Northwest Territories; for the people of Tana River Sub-County, Kenya where the worst drought in 40 years affects the most vulnerable. **

We pray for all who seek food, shelter, or medical care; for agencies and organizations working and caring for those in need; for A Better Tent City, for Reception Centre Waterloo Region and for the Food System Roundtable. **

These intentions reflect the calendars of the *Anglican (Communion) Cycle of Prayer*, the Diocese of Huron *Chain of Prayer* and the Canadian *Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer*.

* At the 2023 General Synod, the Anglican Church of Canada met with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada in a joint *Assembly 2023*. At the gathering, our leaders invited our churches to consider next steps in our journey of full communion. In particular, they invited our churches to bring the Moravians community into full communion with Anglicans and Lutherans.

Moravians have historically seen their particular calling as that of bringing good news to the poorest and least-regarded people of the world. The Moravian Church was formed in 1457 by followers of John Hus. Moravian ministry began in Newfoundland and Labrador in the 1750's and a vigorous post-missionary presence continues in the Inuit community of Labrador to this day. Ministry began in Western Canada in 1894. Today, there are over a million Moravians in the world.

Moravian ecclesiastical structures do not line up neatly with those of Canadian Anglicans and Lutherans. The Rev. David Bennett was recently elected president of the Provincial Elders' Conference, Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America.

** Each week, we endeavour to focus our concern on different areas or organizations.