**Prayers of the People**

Jesus, only Son of God, today you promised quite simply, “If in my name you ask for anything I will do it.” Please receive our prayers and petitions for the church, the world and each other and grant them as may be best for us.

We pray for the church that your Spirit will flow freely and powerfully among all those who seek to live and love as Jesus taught us. We pray for unity among all believers; even as we express our faith in different ways may we all faithfully preach the Good News of salvation to a thirsty world.

We pray for the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Toronto. We pray for the ministry of Bishop Riscylla and the parishes of Trent-Durham Area; for The Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham and the people of St. George’s Memorial, Oshawa.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving we pray for this beautiful world you have given us. Give us eyes to see the signs of renewed health that have become apparent as the earth responds to reduced human activity. Let us be motivated to honour the planet’s self-healing with a commitment to meaningful environmentalism.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Thank you for the abundance of new life that we see fresh each spring. For plants, leaves and flowers and animals of every kind we praise you. May the promises contained in the warming days of spring whisper words of your love and redemption to our hearts.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Through your Son Jesus you have encouraged us to relate to you as our loving parent. This morning we thank you for those who have mothered us, cared for us and helped us to become the people you created us to be.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We ask that you will lay your healing hand on each person around the world who has been impacted by the Covid-19 virus; those who have died, those who are currently sick and those who are struggling with loneliness, isolation and fear. Bless, uphold and strengthen all those committed to the care of the sick and those who provide necessary services at the risk of their own well being.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for all those who are suffering from other ills in mind body or spirit remembering especially those of our own parish family that stand in need of your healing grace.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Finally we pray for all who have died. Gather each of your children into the home you are preparing for us in the love and light of eternity. Comfort all who mourn and this week are actively grieving loved ones departed

Closing Prayer

Risen Christ,
you prepare a place for us,
in the home of the Mother-and-Father of us all.
Draw us more deeply into yourself,
through scripture read,
water splashed,
bread broken,
wine poured,
so that when our hearts are troubled,
we will know you more completely
as the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.