

Prayers of the People
Harvest Sunday, October 7, 2018
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On this Harvest Sunday, we thank thee, Lord, for everything we delight in – sunlight in autumn, colour in nature and art, rhythm in poetry and music, light in darkness.

We thank thee for human achievement and family success; good humour; and work well done.

We are especially grateful for love and friendship and all thy gifts to body and soul.

Most of all we delight in the knowledge of Thy love, and the assurance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank thee for the lives of Janet and Laurence Hardy in whose memory the flowers on the high altar are given.

We commend to Thee those who work in harsh conditions, and those who have no work; those whose lives are drab and grey; and those whose poor health takes away delight in living.

We ask thy special blessing on those who are lonely; and those who have no home of their own.

We ask thee, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, or sickness, especially those on our prayer list and prayer chain; those serving in the Canadian Forces at home and overseas; and those facing medical procedures.

Grant them the human help and comfort they need, and the spiritual encouragement that will enable them to live with hope and courage, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

We pray for the world's needs this week, especially the environment. Teach us the just and proper use of resources that we may continue to enjoy the abundance of thy gifts; help us to foster healing and right dealings with Aboriginal and First Nations people; and grant us peace in our world and in our country.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal

Church; to Michael our Bishop, Colin our Metropolitan, Fred our Primate, and Justin Archbishop of Canterbury that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments. We pray also for St. John the Evangelist parish, Stirling, the Rev. Nancy Beale, and her congregation.

We ask thy blessings on all who seek after God and a holy life of justice, peace, and love, especially the Partners in Mission Food Bank.

We ask also thy guidance for the St. George's Screening in Faith Committee, Bishop George Bruce, co-ordinator; and we pray for the following households: David & Muriel Smith, MacGregor & Evelyn Smith, Leigh Smith & Jean Baxter, and their families.

We pray for the elderly, asking for them clear faith and human support.

We pray for those in middle years, asking for them wisdom in their choices, and the recovery of a sense of wonder.

We pray for the young, asking for them good opportunities, and that their ambitions include the desire to serve.

We bless Thee, Lord, for the great company of saints who have gone before us and now delight in Thy presence. With them we honour and praise thy holy name. Amen.