

We pray;  
loving God, we thank you for your glorious generosity.  
We thank you for our country, Canada.  
We thank you for the glorious sunshine, the sparkling water, the blue skies,  
all living creatures. We thank you for peace.  
We can't express our amazement for all you have given us -free of charge.  
We thank you for your steadfast love that "endureth forever.'

We want to tell you how often we feel like Abraham- that we are tried and tested.  
We often feel like the Psalmist, wondering how long will the pain and sadness last?

God, we call on you for your mercy;  
we call on you to reach out to those who need your healing touch.  
We call on your continuing love for all who are struggling with their faith.  
We call on your care for those who fail to recognize the Generous One  
who provides for their needs.

We continue to pray for health care workers who are still working to care for us.  
They aren't spoken about with quite the urgency of a few months ago, but there are  
still people ill with Covid, and they need careful attention, especially those in the  
ICU. We pray for the families and friends of those who have died, and who will die.

We cry out for those trapped in modern-day slavery and oppression -may they  
be set free. We pray for an end to the violence, abuse, disrespect, disregard, and  
horrifying deaths that are suffered in the United States, and all over the world.  
Surely this can't be how we show our love for one another, and for you.  
Grant leaders and law-makers the wisdom to see, to discuss, understand, to breathe,  
and to have the voices heard, and listened to, of those who are making decision  
May these decisions be fair and just. It's been far too long. We pray for the healing  
of all the nations.

We pray for the unemployed; may they find meaningful work when jobs are  
fewer because of the affects of the Covid Pandemic on the economy. We offer  
up to you the homeless of the world, especially the children, that there may not  
only be shelters, but homes, and improvement of quality of life.  
May they not be forgotten.

Hear the names, out loud, or in the silence of our hearts,  
of the ones we know and love who need your strength.

**We keep these loved ones in our prayers;** Dagmar Hudson, Barb Rogers, Preya, Kim, Joanne & Tom Ogawa, Laurie Keller, Samantha Kelly, Randy, Rylan, Kevin, Mary-Anne Ellis, Peggy Wilkie, Candace, Harmony, Destiny, Joanne Fraser, Jasmine Pearo, Michael Brotsche, Jean & Don Burgess, Michael Kelly, Darlene,

Dorothy Liang's son-in-law; Robert... her sister, Margaret, who has fallen, and now has bleeding on the brain, ...and is resting at home, in Singapore. We pray for her family who can't be with her because of the Covid travel ban. Hold them in their pain and worry.

We pray for Marg and George Edmonds, as George continues his recovery. We pray for Candace's brother-in-law, George Browne, for his continued healing. We pray for the Bowers family, as they mourn the passing of Sylvia. We pray for the Stewart family, as they mourn the loss of Shelly, a long-time, dear friend of Norma Favel and her family.

We pray for all who mourn, who know the pain of the loss of a loved one and the assurance of your grace. Grant them your loving support. All of these names and concerns, and those unspoken, come from our deepest places, we offer them to you with deepest love. God of compassion, into your hands we give all of our prayers, trusting in your mercy, now and forever.

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We pray for ourselves, that we are committed to living a wholesome and faithful life. God of hospitality, remind us that as you welcomed us, we too, would welcome others into our churches, our homes, our lives; that we might share more than a cup of cold water.

We know there are so many other prayers we could offer, many that we don't know even know we have....but you do.... Hear these we offer.

And so we say The Lord's Prayer; Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.