**Prayers of the People for July 5th**

Lord, quieten us down, as we place into your hands those for whom we want to

pray. We know that you love them with a greater love than we could ever imagine.

In the stillness we are here, with you, for them. Amen

We pray for the church throughout the world, and most especially for the Church

of Ascension in Port Perry. We ask you to be present for our bishops and clergy as

they search for a new way forward in a world changed by the pandemic. We pray

especially for Ruthanne, our priest, and for Phil, our curate.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in authority. Help them to find a balance between our safety

and our economy. Make them mindful that in the middle of disruption comes

enormous potential for change. Let us pray that many of the social ills laid bare in

this time of trouble will be remedied.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for people throughout the world all coping with problems unimagined just

a few months ago. In particular, we pray for the countries where the virus is re-

establishing itself, and for those countries still struggling with war, famine, and

natural disasters.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the people of Port Perry, and in particular the farmers who provide us

with our daily needs. Much as the sun is a welcome relief after the cold winter, a

little rain would be appreciated.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those today who are sick, sad or lonely and for those that do their best

to comfort and support them. We pray, in particular, for those in our parish:

Lorraine, Tom, Elaine, Grace, John, Ruthanne and for those others known only to

us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember Don Proutt who passed away this week. We pray for his wife Grace

and ask that she finds comfort in this time of sorrow.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to set our hearts

on your kingdom of love and justice,

and to seek to do your will here on earth,

as servants of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen