

Prayer Time

JULY 2022



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CHURCH

"Now come with rest, O Sabbath sun, O sanctuary, sacred home, we groan till all is grown complete, fulfilled, at peace, O great shalom."

Vs. 5, "O God, great womb", HWB #155

~ Harris Loewen

FOR THIS TIME OF GATHERED PRAYER:

Let us take time to listen to the sounds around us, seeking connection between our present surroundings, and the eternal presence of the One who created all things.

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In spoken prayers for others, please be respectful of privacy & confidentiality boundaries; unless a matter is already public knowledge, avoid naming individuals and their personal situation without the express permission of those involved.

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You may come and go at any time, as you need.
We will conclude the formal time at 6:55 with praying the Lord's Prayer together.

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR THIS SEASON:

Summer is for many of us a time to rest and renew, a sabbath season of sorts.

Take time to just be in the presence of the God who made you in His image, who gives to you every breath you take.

Quiet rest in God is also a form of prayer.

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Think about your day, and give thanks to God for each beautiful sight or sound you encountered — a newly opened flower, an uplifting song, the face of a loved one.

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:

We pray for our church staff and many volunteers, who will be taking time off at various times in the coming weeks; that they may find rest & renewal, for themselves and their families.

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We pray for all who will be visiting our church property on July 12th, when we host a mobile vaccination clinic on our parking lot.

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We pray for the Mennonite World Conference Assembly that is taking place in Indonesia July 5th - 10th; that God's name may be glorified, and our brothers & sisters around the world may be strengthened & inspired to live out their faith in their countries.

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We pray for members of our congregation who are struggling with serious illness & injury

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:

In the heat of summer, with fruits ripening in the orchards & vineyards, and we enjoy time by the lake or pool, we thank God for the gift of water.

We pray for communities in need of clean drinking water, for farmers in need of rain for their crops, and for the earth's rivers, lakes & oceans impacted by destructive human activity.

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As Canada celebrated its Birthday, we pray for our country, and the many people who call it home; for understanding & acceptance among different cultures, respectful care of its natural habitats, wisdom in the use of its resources, and peaceful interaction with other nations.

My Prayers throughout the month of July :

