

Prayer Time

AUGUST 2022



NIAGARA
UNITED
MENNONITE
CHURCH

***"Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship
with God."***

~ St. Teresa of Avila

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:

As we enjoy the fruit ripening in orchards all around us, contemplate what God might be bringing to fruition in your own spiritual life, or what you need in order to bear fruit to God's honour and glory.

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In August, sunflowers bloom, continually turning their faces to the sunlight. They remind us also to turn to the light of God's Presence, in order to keep growing upward.

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:

Let us pray for those who are grieving; most recently the loved ones of Bob Forbes , Victor Braun and Agnes Sawatzky.

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Let us pray for our children's and youth ministries; that God may provide teams of energetic and inspired helpers as they gear up to resume these ministries in September.

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We thank God for the connections of friendship with our sister congregation, Bethany Mennonite Church, and pray for His blessing on our times of worshiping together on August 7th and 21st.

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Let us pray for the lonely in our community, and join with God's Spirit in seeking ways to build connections with those among and around us who are socially isolated. An immediate presenting need is for a team of volunteer visitors.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:

Let us pray for the indigenous communities of Canada, as they process the events of the Pope's visit, and seek the next steps forward in the journey of healing and reconciliation.

Consider how God might be calling us to respond as neighbours and fellow citizens in this shared journey

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Let us pray for our health care system that is in severe crisis; for the doctors, nurses, PSW's and administrators who are experiencing great frustration in their efforts to help those dealing with illness and injury; for government leaders who need to make crucial decisions that affect the system.

My Prayers throughout the month of August :

