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### "Instead of... praying to Jesus way off somewhere, we must recover a way of seeing and hearing Jesus who is still very much alive and present in His Church."

~ Doug Klassen, Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Canada

# FOR THIS TIME OF PRAYER:

Make yourself comfortable in the prayer circle, or anywhere in the sanctuary where you feel you would like to spend time with God.

The hymnals in the pews have a section of prayers in the back, or you may want to meditate on a song of your choosing.

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.

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:

Life leads us through so many transitions. As we transition from Summer to Autumn, think about a time of change you are going through, have experienced in the past, or are facing in the future. Contemplate on God's steadfast and faithful presence in the midst of change.

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:**

Referring to Doug Klassen's quote (at left), how do you see Jesus present in the church? Give thanks for these blessings. Where do you see a particular need for Jesus' Presence in the church? Commit this need to prayer.

We pray for the ministries that are resuming in September; for energy, wisdom & love among the team leaders; for safety and positive life-transforming among participants. Present needs include additional AV technicians, a volunteer visitation team, and 3 more leaders for the Red Brick Kids Ministry.

### PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:

We pray for the children & youth who are returning to school, and for the teachers whose task it is to guide their learning; for safety, recovery from the setbacks caused by the pandemic, and joy in discovering more about the world in which we live.

We pray for the people of Pakistan, where severe flooding has impacted so much of the country.

We pray for our MCC workers, who are engaged in distributing humanitarian aid and peacemaking around the world.

We pray for the migrant farm labourers in our area, who are working especially long hours during the harvest season; for safety on the job & on the roads; for a more just employment system; for the families back home that they support; for the farmers who employ them My Prayers throughout the month of September :

