

Prayer Time

JANUARY 2023

NIAGARA
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CHURCH



***At our ends and our beginnings, the Eternal One is there,
Silent voice, inviting Presence, saying, "Now. The time is here.
Mortal one, you are beloved, I would walk this while with you.
Do not fear; stir up your spirit: I am making all things new"***

*~ from "Time propels us", Andrew Donaldson,
Voices Together, no. 507*

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.

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You may pray out loud if you wish. 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 11:40 by praying the Lord's Prayer together

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR THIS SEASON:

What are your hopes and aims for 2023? What burdens or fears do you carry with you into the new year? Lay these before God in prayer.

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:

Pray for our ministry teams as they set directions for the coming year and prepare annual reports to the congregation. Pray for our upcoming AGM, as we come together to remember what has been and set direction for the coming year.

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Our church building & property provide us with space to gather for worship and shared activities, a welcoming place for all. Pray for those who work hard to maintain it. We thank God for Erv Willms, who has recently taken on oversight of property maintenance.

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We thank God for the miracles of healing that we have seen in our faith community, and continue to pray for those who are dealing with illness.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:

We bring before God the many needs for peace healing and restoration in the world:

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A peaceful end to the war in Ukraine.

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For nations to work together for the sake of global environmental crises.

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Justice for the oppressed in places like Iran, Afghanistan, China, and in our own country.

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Relief from drought and famine in Somalia.

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The restoration of truth, mutual respect and goodwill, which have been undermined in recent times by the misuse of social media, and the quests for fame & power

My Prayers throughout the month of January and 2023:

