

Prayer Time

JULY 2023



***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest."***

~ Matthew 11:28

THIS TIME OF PRAYER:

Welcome the quiet! In a noisy world, silence may make us uncomfortable, but embrace its presence, and keep focusing yourself on remaining open to hear what God might want to say to you in the stillness.

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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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If you wish, pray the words of a song from the hymnal, or seek out a Psalm from the Bible.

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We will conclude the formal time at 6:55 by praying the Lord's Prayer together.

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR THIS SEASON:

Jesus calls to us, inviting us to come into His Presence and find rest. At this time of year, when many of us slow our pace, and take vacations from our daily work, find a quiet place, and make time to settle into the awareness that God is with you, and offers rest for your soul. No need to come up with eloquent words, or elaborate rituals; just breathe in the Presence of the Holy One.

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY:

We give thanks for Emily Fieguth's ministry to our congregation in the church office, and the successful search for a new office administrator.

Let us pray for God's blessing on them both through the upcoming time of transition.

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Let us pray for Pastor Daniel and Ana, Elijah & Leo, as they spend time with Ana's family in Serbia this month.

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We give thanks for Pastor Chris' ministry to our youth & young adults, and pray for God's blessing as he concludes his role here among us, and prepares to take on the position of lead pastor at North Leamington United Mennonite Church.

Let us pray for him and his family in this season of change.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:

As people from around the world come to enjoy the beauty of our area, let us pray for a welcoming, understanding, kind and patient attitude toward the visitors around us.

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As we deal with unprecedented air quality issues in our area, let us pray for relief for those regions feeling the more direct impact of forest fires, and other effects of climate change.

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Let us pray for the Farmworkers Hub here in Virgil, as our community strives to care for the strangers among us, who are a vital link in putting food on our tables.

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Let us keep on praying for peace in Ukraine & Russia, Sudan, Haiti, and other war-torn places of the world.

My Prayers throughout the month of July:

