

July 12 prayers

Father, we come to you this morning with thanks for the grace and blessings you shower us with. We thank you for the rain this week that has nourished the forests and our gardens. We thank you for continuing to spare us in this community the immediate ravages of the pandemic the world is experiencing.

We thank you, in particular, for:

- Speedy medical intervention for Ted Tolman
- For successful surgery for Pam
- For Greg's continuing recovery
- For the good health You continue to bless Vern with

We lift up all those who are suffering from COVID19 and its aftermath. We pray for skilled care and therapies that will save lives and return people to their homes. We pray for all who mourn the dead, whose own lives have been cast into darkness by deaths too early and too close, be the deaths from COVID or other causes. We lift up all those in need of your healing hand.

We lift up our school system – its administration and teachers as they seek to determine how to resume school this Fall. We pray for the youth and children that they are safe and able to enjoy this summer break while preparing for whatever Fall school will bring them.

We pray for speed and success for all those who are working on vaccines and medical therapies to reduce the danger from COVID19.

We pray for all leaders as they deal with the very real problems facing us – the health concerns, the economic impacts, the impacts on every person as normals have been changed. Give them wisdom and discernment. Give them servant hearts that their decisions are wise and always about the common good. Give us wisdom so that we may best navigate these difficult times for our own good and that of the community we are part of. We pray for this your particular church as we seek to witness in our community and pray for your hand on us as we approach today's meeting.

We lift up these and our other prayers as we remember what your Son taught us saying: ***Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.***