

Intercessory Prayer Network

Prayer Intentions for Summer 2021



Pastoral Plan Priority #5 - [Promote the Healing Journey in the Lord](#)

Prayer for Reconciliation and Healing

After news of the discovery of unmarked graves at former Residential Schools, we join in prayer as a community of faith. (*Prayer courtesy of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools - <https://www.gscs.ca>*)

Creator God of love and justice, comforter of those who mourn, we turn to you acknowledging the actions of our Church and our nation. We have asked forgiveness and committed to work for healing and reconciliation. But we are painfully aware that for some, that change came too late.

We offer you our sorrow for the wrongs committed against the people of this land, our First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in Canada's Indian Residential Schools.

We offer you our contrition for what was allowed to happen, and for what will never be.

We offer you our repentance for the injustices borne of arrogance and the harm done through indifference.

We pray for comfort for the families and communities whose children, siblings, family, and friends were taken from home but did not return.

We pray for consolation of hearts wounded through separation and trauma.

We pray for healing of bodies, minds, and spirits wounded through abuse and oppression.

We ask for clear eyes, that we may face the story of our nation and our Church with honesty.

We ask for open hearts, that we may hear the stories of Indigenous Peoples with humility.

We ask for courage, that we may once again ask our brothers and sisters for forgiveness.

We declare our desire to be a people who pursue peace.

We declare our resolve to be a people who remember.

We declare our commitment to be a people of truth and reconciliation.

Holy One, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen, of story and of song, of heartbeat and of tears of bodies, souls, voices and all relations: you are the God of all truth and the way of all reconciliation. Come upon us, O Divine Healer, and open our eyes to the injustices brought against the Indigenous peoples of this land, their languages and cultures. May you be known for healing and wholeness, rather than being blamed for abuses that were brought about by human weakness and hostility. Make us people of integrity and bearers of hope, that we may commit to restoring relationships and to journeying together, as Non-Indigenous and Indigenous brothers and sisters, to a place of peace in you, where every tear will be wiped away, and every sorrow turned to joy. Give us one heart and one mind to walk together in the love and strength of your Spirit, in truth, reconciliation, and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our brother, our Lord, and our hope. Amen.





Pastoral Plan Priority # 4 – Build and Support Family and Community

Prayer for Graduates

As a diocesan family we ask our Creator God to bless all graduates as they celebrate accomplishments and consider next steps in life during these summer months. May they always walk paths of love, justice and righteousness.



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Prayer for Increased Respect

(Adapted from Earthcare Connections, provided by Farmland Legacies - <http://www.farmlandlegacies.org>)

Creator God, Grant to all of us the wisdom and inspiration we need
to grow in respect for all peoples and cultures, and for
a deepening reverence for the earth which is our common home.

