

Canada Prays
Diocese of Yukon-3rd Week
Prayers of Penitence

Sunday October 23

Creator of All: From the beginning of time, you have given the responsibility to care for this world to humanity. Sadly we have fallen short of this goal. We have neglected to care for your world. We have forgotten that it is your world. We have not just neglected to care for it, but we have abused it for our own selfish purposes. Our abusive actions that are causing global warming, severe weather changes, melting of the polar regions, are bringing horrific changes causing famine, floods, and drought leading to the death of thousands and the starvation of millions. We humbly repent and ask you to show us our errors and how we might repair the damage that we have caused. May our actions in the future bring healing to your world and glory to your name. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Monday, October 24

O Eternal God, who has no colour but the colour of Love; who has no language but the language of love; no culture but the culture of Love; we acknowledge that we have not treated our fellow human beings with the love and respect that you have called us to do. We have divided them by colour, language and culture instead of treating all with your loving graciousness. We admit that at times both knowingly and unknowingly our actions have been cruel, harmful and even hateful. We acknowledge the sinfulness of our treatment of Aboriginal people and others who came to this land but were different from us. We ask your forgiveness and pray that you would lead us into reconciliation that will bring your family together again in love and unity. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Tuesday October 25

Our Father in heaven, we know that in your love you desire that all be saved. You have give us the responsibility to share the Good News of your salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that we have not done as we should have done or could of done leading to disinterest, disunity and confusion in many. We beg your forgiveness and so fill us with your love that we will want others to have the salvation you have given us. Energize us with your Holy Spirit that word of your mercy and salvation would flow from our lips and that many would come to believe in your Son Jesus Christ. In his name, Amen.

Wednesday October 26

God of Generosity and Abundance, in your creation you have given humanity sufficient to supply our needs. In our greed we have destroyed much of what you have given us. Reveal to us our greed and help us to replace it with the generosity of your love. Turn our overwhelming desire for profit into a desire to care for your land and people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thursday October 27

Loving God, we are thankful that even with our sinful natures we still have your image within us. We regret that at times we have been unloving and have mistreated those who have physical or mental handicaps or illnesses. In our repentance may we work for justice towards these, your people. May we strive to ensure adequate care is available and that in the world may we call for equality when it comes to accessibility to buildings and needed services. Through the love of your Son we pray. Amen

Friday October 28

You have taught us O Caring One; that "True Religion" is to care for the needy and less fortunate than ourselves. We have neglected your call. Still there is homelessness; still there is hunger; still there are unfortunates looking for guidance. As we ask for forgiveness, we also ask for your strength, and wisdom as to aiding those who need our help. We ask your guidance in showing true religion to the homeless, hungry and lost in the name of our Blessed Saviour we ask. Amen

Saturday October 29

Creator: A sign of being part of your family is "unity", but we have divided your family by race, gender, geography and ideology. Our unloving attitudes have torn our Church apart. We beg your forgiveness. Give us caring hearts that we may so drive the sin from ourselves and turn our hearts to your son Jesus that we may reach out in love to all we meet regardless of who they are, what they believe or where they live or come from. In Jesus name. Amen.