*St. John’s (Winona)*

**Prayers of the People.**

**February 7, 2021**

*offered by Betty Sleep*

Let us offer prayers to the living God,  whose Spirit gives life.

For the people of God in every place.

*Lord, hear us.  Lord, graciously hear us.*

In the Niagara Diocese: St. John, Cheapside, The Reverend Canon Richard Moorse, Rector, and the people of that parish.

*Lord in your mercy.            Hear our prayer.*

For all nations, their leaders and citizens,

For all who are oppressed, afflicted, or in need.  For those who work for a just distribution of food.    At this time we ask special prayers to all who support and work with the arriving migrant workers who are crucial to the success of our farms.

*Lord in your mercy.              Hear our prayer.*

For the sick and homebound of our community,  and for those who visit and care for them.  Family, nurses, doctors, PSWs and all personnel required to maintain and keep their places of residence clean and safe.

*Lord in your mercy.        Hear our prayer*

For all of us gathered at the wedding banquet of the Lamb. In our parish family today we pray for Nikki and Gully Huisman,  Marlene and Jim Johnston and Yvonne and Russ Kelk.  As Marty Hathaway, Lorri Sleep and Jim Anderson celebrate birthdays this week we ask that God blesses them, wraps his mighty arms of protection around them on their special day and always.

*Lord in your mercy.         Hear our prayer.*

God, our Lord and bridegroom: You give us the new wine of an everlasting marriage feast: Hear the prayers we offer you this day and take us to yourself in righteousness and justice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen