

Prayers of the People for Jan. 22, 2017

Please sit or stand as is your custom for the prayers of the people. In the times of silence, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Our Church

God, our light and our salvation, increase the joy in your church throughout the world.

In our cycles of prayer we pray for Bishop Logan and for all the people of St John the Divine in Victoria. We pray for the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, Jordan Cantwell, and for the people of Texada Island United Church, and for their minister, Karen May. We pray for Peggy and the Transition Team and for all those attending the meeting today. Give them strength, patience and wisdom as they make decisions on our behalf. May all of us seek your face.

We pray for all the churches on Gabriola Island. In this week of Prayer for Christian Unity remind us that we have one purpose.

Our World

Ruler of all nations, please break the rod of the oppressors, so that all who suffer from violence and war will experience joy. We pray that all refugees will find homes.

Just two days after Inauguration Day in the United States *we pray with our brothers and sisters in The Episcopal Church, "Lord, keep this nation under your care and guide us in the way of justice and truth."* (a message from the Anglican Church of Canada http://us1.campaign-archive2.com/?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=5cfeba594b&_e=0b860a42d6)

God of light, we lift up to you the many troubled areas of the world, naming them silently or aloud.

May all who walk in darkness see your great light.

Our Local Community

On Gabriola, at this time of year, we pray especially for those using the Food Bank and for those who work to give out the food, whether volunteers or paid staff. We thank you for the zero waste program and for all who are working to make this happen. We thank you, God, for all who are working to bring about warm shelter for all. God, our shelter and our stronghold, we pray that our own refugee family here on Gabriola may find a place to call home.

The sick and those in need

God of light, we pray for all those in the darkness of despair, the darkness of depression, or the darkness of loss. We ask that your great light shine on them and shine into them. We pray that all who are afraid will recognize you as their stronghold and their shelter.

We lift up to you all those recovering from surgery, all those awaiting surgery and all those undergoing chemotherapy or radiation.

We pray for Aslaug, who is 105 years old and is in great pain with a fractured pelvis.

We pray for all those known to us who are sick, naming them now, silently or aloud.

May all of these whom we know and love see your great light.

Thanksgiving

We thank you God, for light – the sunlight, the starlight and most of all for the light of your presence. Thank you for the privilege of seeking your face. Thank you, God, for coming to us in the

person of Jesus, the light of the world. Thank you for all he taught us about you. Thank you especially for the prayer he taught us, which we pray together now. (The Lord`s prayer as printed in the bulletin).