

Prayers of the People for Sunday, November 19, 2017

At the end of each petition, I will say **God, we look to you.** Please join me in saying **hear our prayer.**

God, we look to you. Hear our prayer.

God you are enthroned in the heavens. Thank you that you know both our needs and our abilities. Thank you for your love and mercy.

God, we look to you. Hear our prayer.

The church

In our cycles of prayer we pray for your trustworthy servants: Bishop Logan, Moderator Jordan Cantwell, the people of St. David-by-the-Sea, Cordova Bay and St. Peter Lakehill and their priest, Matthew Brown, and the Rev. Wade Allen and congregation at Grace United Church, Coombs.

Thank you, God, for Jim, who is leading us in worship today.

We ask that all these people may be armoured with faith, love and hope.

We pray for rest for all who were involved in yesterday's bazaar. Thank you, God, for their hard work.

God, we look to you. Hear our prayer.

The world

God, you know all about this world and its problems. We ask you to look after the Rohingya refugees fleeing Myanmar. We think of other troubled areas of the world, and of people living under oppression, mentioning them to you silently or aloud.

PAUSE

God, have mercy on all who suffer.

God, we look to you. Hear our prayer.

The local community

God, we thank you for all the people who were involved in the second annual Health and Wellness Collaborative meeting on Gabriola last week. Please bless the work they do for all of us.

Please look after all the artists and craftspeople on this island who strive to make a living by using their talents.

God, we look to you. Hear our prayer.

Those in need

As we approach National Housing Day on November 22, we remember before you, God, the homeless, the under housed and the refugees. We think of all those we know on Gabriola who do not have proper housing, naming them now, silently or aloud.

PAUSE

God, we pray for safe, affordable and adequate housing for all. (Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada and Susan C. Johnson, National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada <http://www.anglican.ca/news/national-housing-day-2017-statement-primate-elcic-national-bishop/30020366/> accessed Nov. 17, 2017)

God, we look to you. Hear our prayer.

God of mercy, we pray that you will help us learn to help those with mental illnesses.

We pray also for those we know who are ill in other ways, including Nancy J., Diane P., Ethel S., Sue L. and Margaret H. We mention others known to us, silently or aloud.

PAUSE

May all these people be aware of your presence and your light.

God, we look to you. Hear our prayer.

Thinking of Jenny's friend, Anne, who died recently, we also remember others who have died and all who are mourning the death of loved ones, mentioning them now, silently or aloud.

PAUSE

Loving God, grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care.

God we look to you. Hear our prayer.

Please join with me in singing the Lord's prayer on page 959 in Voices United.