

Prayers of the People for November 27, 2016

Advent One

Where there is a pause, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

When you hear **God of hope**, please join me in prayer by saying **hear our prayer**.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

The Church

God, we pray for our churches. We ask you to bless the work of Logan, our Bishop and Jordan Cantwell, Moderator of the United Church. We pray that the **Rev. John Wray and the people of Chemainus United Church** and the **people of Saints Christopher & Aiden, Cowichan Lake** may walk in your light.

In our own community we pray for the members of our Transition Team who are working so hard for us: Peggy, Angela, Corinne, Jean, Marie, Jeri and Jim and for all the members of the committees they have formed. We pray also for the members of our Trial Joint Council. God, we ask you to give them all strength, energy and wisdom to lead us in doing your will.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

The world

O God, we pray for the many needs of this troubled world.

We pray for peace for Jerusalem.

We ask for peace for the people of Cuba and for all others affected by the death of Fidel Castro.

We pray that we will use your creation justly and respectfully.

God, we ask that you give health, safety and justice to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe who are opposed to the Dakota Access pipeline.

We ask you to comfort the families of the six children killed in the bus crash in Tennessee.

God of Truth, we pray for truth in journalism and in all social media.

We pray for Aleppo and for other troubled areas of the world, naming them now, silently or aloud.

PAUSE

*God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.*

*God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.*

*God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.*

*God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.*

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The local community

As Christmas approaches, we pray for those in our community who are struggling financially and for those who are feeling isolated.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

Those in need

God, we pray for those known to us who are awaiting test results and for those who are sick, naming them now, silently or aloud

PAUSE

We lift all these people on our love to your love, O God.

God of hope, hear our prayer.

Thanksgiving

Thank you Father, for your patience

With a rebellious people

Loving you one moment

Forgetting you the next

Thank you for your endless love

Which does not give up

But wants the best for us

Despite our faults

Thank you for your promise

To all who believe

And put their trust in you

Everlasting life

And in this Advent season

May the Baptist's call

Resound in hearts and minds

Drawing many to the living water

Where they might find forgiveness

And knowledge of your Salvation. Amen

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