

Prayers of the People for November 5, 2017

At the end of each petition, I will say **God among us**. Please join me in saying **hear our prayer**.

Living God, thank you that you are among us. Thank you that you know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking. Thank you that we can trust you to give us what is best for us.

The church

Living God, we recognize how difficult leadership can be and we ask you to support all who are in positions of leadership in the church, including Logan, our Bishop, and Jordan Cantwell, Moderator.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Parish of Salt Spring Island and Richard Stetson, its priest, as they begin a new venture, Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice.

Living God, we ask you to sustain church leaders in Canada's north and the many unpaid leaders who minister among indigenous people.

We pray that the right steps may be taken to create a self-determining spiritual community for Indigenous Canadian Anglicans.

We pray for the leaders of Christ Church Gabriola: the members of the council and the committee chairs. Thank you, God, for the hard work they continue to do. May they find times of relaxation and restoration. We especially pray for Paddy and the worship committee who have had so much work to do in this time when we have no regular minister. Thank you, God, for Linda, who is leading us in worship today.

God among us, hear our prayer.

The world

Living God, we ask you to look after the Rohingya refugees. May the leadership of Myanmar hear the cries of the people.

We think of all the other troubled areas of the world, bringing them before you silently or aloud.

PAUSE

God among us, hear our prayer.

The local community

God, we thank you for leaders here on Gabriola and all the hard-working volunteers who strive to make this a good community.

God among us, hear our prayer.

Those in need

Living God, we pray for all those who are ill, including Nancy, Sarah, Diane and Ethel. We mention others known to us, silently or aloud.

PAUSE

Lord, keep them in your love.

God among us, hear our prayer.

Loving God, as we approach Remembrance Day, the Comox- Nanaimo Presbytery cycle of prayer reminds us to pray for all those who have fought for our freedom. PAUSE

We also remember all those 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 among us, hear our prayer.

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