

Prayers of the People : Pentecost 24

Please stand or sit as is your custom for the prayers of the people.

To the bidding, Lord in Your mercy Please respond, Hear our Prayer.

Heavenly Father, as we think of Zacchaeus, we ponder our own selfishness and impatience with people, the people for whom you died. Forgive us for our lack of compassion, and help us to see You at work amongst us. Help us to be like You willingly risking what people think of us to do Your work in our daily lives.

Lord in Your mercy Hear our prayer

Holy God, we hold up before you our minister, Peggy and those taking part in this service.

We remember the ministry and congregation of the FIRST United Church in Ladysmith and their minister, Jeri Bjornsen.

In the Anglican cycle of prayers, we remember Logan, our Bishop and St. John the Baptist in South Cowichan with Heather Robinson.

Lord in Your mercy Hear our prayer

Creator God, we pray for peace in Syria and other war torn countries, for an end to hostility and despair, praying especially for the innocent victims of violence.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Abba, Father, help us to be gentle with others and ourselves. Give us trusting hearts and respect for others, so that acting courteously, we leave behind unkind remarks and looks.

Lord in Your mercy Hear our prayer

Loving God, we pray for those who are sick or troubled that you may strengthen them and give them rest. WE pray for all who care for them, family, friends and professionals.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayers

Gracious God, surround with your continuing compassion all those who mourn.

Lord in Your mercy Hear our prayers

Faithful God, we give thanks to You because we can live in Your light and walk in Your Truth. May the things You have revealed and thoughts that we have shared in this service remain in our hearts and stir us to Action!

Amen