

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
CHRIST CHURCH GABRIOLA
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

Let us joint our hearts and minds in prayers. This will be a responsive prayer. When you hear the words “God of Peace & Love”, please respond with “Hear our Prayer”

Loving God, hear our prayers for the church universal, for our nation and its leaders. In this congregation we pray for Rev. Dr. Linda St. Clair who is with us today. We offer prayers for the Rev. Jordan Cantwell, Moderator of the United Church, Minister Karen May and the congregation of Texada Island. We pray for Logan our Bishop, St. John the Divine Church in Courtney and St. Andrew Sandwick, Anthony Divangraria and Marg Misener, Diocese of Caledonia. “God of Peace and Love”, “Hear our Prayer”.

Compassionate God, you have given us the gift of love. Help us to love not only those we hold dear, but all of humanity. We pray for all men and women who strive to keep peace in the world. We pray for those seeking relief from fear and loneliness and for those people who struggle with illness, pain and loss of loved ones. We pray for people in the interior of B.C., Manitoba who are experiencing wild fires. We pray for the people in Texas who have experienced a devastating hurricane and also the people in Florida and the Caribbean who are experiencing hurricanes at this moment. We hold up the people of Mexico in prayer who are experiencing an earthquake. We ask that others more fortunate offer compassion and generosity in the days to come for all those experiencing these natural disasters.

In our church family, we pray for Nancy and Harold, for Molly. Please add any other petitions at this time. “God of Peace and Love, “Hear our Prayer”.

God of all people, help us to keep our minds open to new ideas that we may grow in our knowledge of the nature of all living things. We pray that you teach us to value each other and to realize the power we have to change the world. “God of Peace and Love” “Hear our Prayer.”

Gracious God, we are grateful for all those people who enrich our lives. Guide us so that together we may walk the paths of peace. Inspire us to work for healing our world.
AMEN