

Prayers of the People for May 20, 2018
Pentecost Sunday

In the times of silence during these prayers, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

On this day of Pentecost, we thank you, God, for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Thank you that when we don't know how to pray, your Holy Spirit "intercedes [for us], with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

God, we pray for your Church throughout the world. *Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free (BAS p. 123).* We pray for Bishop Logan and for Moderator Jordan Cantwell. We pray also for St. Mary, Nanoose Bay, and Selinde Krayenhoff who ministers there. We pray for the Reverend Pieter le Roux and the congregation of Chemainus United Church. *Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith (BAS p. 123).*

We pray for ourselves, here at Christ Church Gabriola. May we too experience the rush of wind and the tongues of fire. May we raise our voices as Peter did. May we be aware of your Holy Spirit with us, guiding us into all truth. May we dream dreams. May we do your work, O God. *Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness. (BAS p. 123).*

We pray for your world, Lord. We know you love your creation and we know you love us. Help us to see the power of your love at work in your world. Help us to **be** the power of love at work in your world. We pray for all affected by the shootings at the high school in Santa Fe, Texas, on Friday and for all affected by the passenger plane crash near Havana, Cuba, also on Friday. We pray for the people suffering in Gaza. God, we name now the many troubled areas of the world where your peace is needed.

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Lord, send your power, your love and your grace to these troubled places. Give wisdom to those who lead the nations. *Come, Holy Spirit, Creator, and renew the face of the earth. (BAS p. 123)*

Holy Spirit, life-giving, creating Spirit, we ask you to heal **all who are sick or suffering**, including, this morning, Margaret H. and Diane P. Silently or aloud, we name others who are ill and known to us.

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We pray for **all who are experiencing grief, loss or trauma.** **PAUSE**

Spirit of the living God, be present with us as we pray. Fill the body, mind and spirit of those we pray for. Heal all that harms and be with those who care for them, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Thank you, God, that you hear our prayers and that you know what we need better than we do ourselves.

Please join me in singing the Lord's Prayer on p. 959 in Voices United.