**Prayers of the People July 1st, 2018 Canada Day**

When you hear me say Creator Lord, please respond with ‘Hear our prayers’.

Loving and generous Creator God, known and worshipped under many names buy the many peoples you created, we bring our prayers and requests to you on this day on which we worship you

We pray for the world`s leaders that they may all be moved to provide just and honest governance for all their peoples. We pray for the church in all its forms of worship and expression and for all those who worship you under your many names across this your planet May we all come to accept that we are sisters and brothers in this your family.

 Creator Lord / Hear our prayers

We pray for Peace in the world. Strengthen the Peace makers and grant that in all the many places of conflict your spirit of Peace may prevail. Especially today on Canada Day we ask for your protecting Spirit to be over our Military women and men starting Peacekeeping duty in Mali. Grant that they will be seen and accepted as helpers especially the medical personnel. We pray for all who suffer want and starvation where famine and dislocation prevail. Guide us who have enough and more to become more generous in our giving for the relief of so many in this world who have little or nothing.

 Creator Lord/ hear our prayers.

We pray for the sick and suffering especially those known to us. Guide the hands of all who care for them- doctors, nurses and all caregivers We pray for all who have died, especially for the Newspeople in Maryland who were brutally murdered by someone with a grievance. We are saddened also that many Newspeople have been vilified by their head of state simply because they chose to report the truth. Elsewhere we remember with sorrow those innocents in the whole of your world where bombings and shootings are a daily happening. We raise them up to you aloud or in the silence of our hearts \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*May your healing hand reach out to comfort those who mourn for them.

 Creator Lord/hear our prayers

Finally, we pray for ourselves on this the first birthday of our church, Christ Church Gabriola*.* Be with us and bless us as we journey on our ecumenical path. May we have your help and guidance as we strive to live according to your holy will. Keep our feet in the way Christ leads us; help our lips to speak the truth Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. Grant us the courage to Act with Justice; to love Kindness and to walk humbly with You.

 AMEN