

Prayers of the people for Sept. 2, 2018

God, we pray for the church. By our words and actions may we spread Your love throughout the world. When we err teach us to admit and confront our errors, asking Your forgiveness that we may return to our journey in unity, service and peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, and for Bishop Logan and for the peoples they lead.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world. We give You praise for the beauty of the earth and for the great diversity of her peoples. Teach us to respect nature and ourselves. Let us all share equitably in earth's bounty. May we learn to love our neighbours as ourselves. Help us to end hatred, destruction, war, that we bring upon ourselves. May we help each other in times of natural and human-caused disasters.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Canada. Help our leaders govern us that the decisions made may be for the benefit of all of us. Help us to reach out to other countries and peoples in need. Help us here at home as we confront raging forest fires and heat waves.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God we pray for the young people and their teachers returning to school next week.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Support us here at Christ Church Gabriola as we go forth in our ministries amongst ourselves, our neighbours and the outside world. Be with the Reverend Karen Hollis as she leads us and teaches us so that we show in our words and actions your love to all.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We have been asked to pray for Clara, who is suffering from post partum depression. We pray for Sandra. We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. May your healing touch be upon them as we name them aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.