

Prayers of the People

September 23, 2018

We thank you for this our home earth, it is a mere speck in the immensity of the universe. Help us to be good stewards of our planet so that life and health can be sustained and prosper and all may share equitably in her gifts of abundance.

We thank you God.

Thank you for your Church, may she keep us grounded in your love and compassion. May she guide us with your wisdom, laws, and scriptures.

Thank you for church leaders, moderator Rev. Dr Richard Bott, Bishop Logan, ministers such as Karen and lay people, as they teach us to follow you more closely.

We give thanks for the upcoming BC synod, it helps all members have a say and helps to lead the church forward in these times.

Thank you for volunteers who give of themselves selflessly for the benefit of others example: those supporting homeless, people in their quest for housing, those who feed the hungry, those who visit prisoners, those who give love and compassion to the dying.

We thank you for our neighbours, friends, families, and our community here at Christ Church Gabriola.

We thank you that in the midst of destruction, hurricanes, tornados, floods, fires, you bring people together to help support each other, locally, and worldwide.

We give thanks for the refreshing rains, for the turning of the leaves, for the harvest of grains, fruits, and veggies; let us remember our local food bank with our gifts of food and money.

Thank you for today and the opportunity to take this time to reflect, let us not take a selfish interest in worldly power, but be like a little child, a model of true discipleship. May we emulate their virtues, humility, dependence, loneliness, obedience, and willingness to love and be loved.

We give thanks for those who have died in the peace of Christ and those known only to you as we name them out loud or in the silence of our hearts.

Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive by the power which is at work among us be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages. Amen.