

Prayers of the People for October 14, 2018

Please join me in praying to our living God. After each petition, I will say “**Holy God.**” Please add with me, “**hear our prayer.**”

“Gracious God, ... you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us.” (BAS p. 127). **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

Worldwide church

Word of God, living and active, we pray for your church throughout the world. We ask that we, the church, may do your will. We ask you to give wisdom to our leaders, particularly to Bishop Logan and Moderator Richard Bott. We thank you that you will supply the needs of Christ Church in Alert Bay, St. Olaf in Quatsino and St. George in Kincome Inlet and their priest Phil Zimmerman; we thank you that you will give what is best for them to the Rev. Jennifer Ferguson and the congregation of Knox United Church in Parksville.

Holy God, hear our prayer.

Christ Church Gabriola

God, we thank you for Karen, and for George, who attended Synod, and we thank you for the work of our Council. Using Karen’s words, *“We give thanks for music as praise and worship of you, O God. We give thanks for the ways in which it helps us connect with deeper parts of ourselves and helps s open ourselves to you. While we all don’t agree on which types of music give us this experience, we pray for real patience to make space for the other, and pray for the continued growth and health of our music program. Help us to live lives in you through song. Thank you for all who share their joy of singing and help it spread throughout the congregation. Thank you for the way you speak to us through verses and hymns, melodies and harmonies.”*

Holy God, hear our prayer.

World

Creator God, we pray for the world you made and gave us to live in. We ask that we may do all we can to limit the effects of climate change.

We pray for all affected by Hurricane Michael in Florida and the southeastern United States.

We pray for the safety of truth-tellers and justice-seekers in Saudi Arabia and all the world.

Holy God, hear our prayer.

Local community

God, we thank you that we live in a country where we can vote for our leaders. We thank you for all who have offered themselves as candidates in our local elections; for all their hard work and caring. We ask that we make informed, wise choices as we vote. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

God, we thank you for all who are interested in Palliative Care on Gabriola. Thank you for the organizers of the meeting last Wednesday. Is there a way that we at Christ Church Gabriola can be involved with this, God? May we and they move forward in the best way possible. **Holy God, hear our prayer**

Those in need

Loving God, we know that you are always close, but we ask that you be especially close to all for whom trouble is near. We pray for all who are waiting for medical tests or results. We pray for those who are sick, naming them silently or aloud.

Compassionate God, we ask for *your mercy and grace to help in time of need.* (Hebrews 4:16)

Holy God, hear our prayer.

Those who have died and those who mourn

Loving God, we thank you for the lives of all whom we love but no longer see. We ask your comfort for all those who mourn. **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

God, we thank you that even when you seem hidden to us, you are watching over us. We thank you that *for you, all things are possible. (Mark 10:27)* **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

Please join me in singing the Lord's Prayer in VU #959