

Prayers of the People for October 28, 2018

At the end of each part of the prayers of the people, I will say, “**Jesus, Son of David**”. Please join me in adding, “**have mercy on us.**”

The Worldwide Church

God, we thank you for the story of Bartimaeus and his faith. We thank you for churches throughout the world that worship you in faith. We ask that all your churches may see you and do your will. In this part of the world we ask this particularly for the church of St. John the Baptist in South Cowichan and its priest John Steele and the Reverend Mary White and the congregation at Powell River United Church. We ask that Bishop Logan and Moderator Richard Bott will guide us wisely.

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Christ Church Gabriola

God, we thank you for Karen, here at Christ Church Gabriola and we ask that all of us will discern your will for this church and work to accomplish it.

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The World

Holy God, we ask that all affected by the shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh yesterday (Saturday, October 27) will be especially aware of your presence as they deal with this tragedy.

God, we ask you to bring your justice and love to other troubled areas of the world, naming those areas now, silently or aloud.

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British Columbia

God of justice, because of the vote on proportional representation we have a great opportunity before us to think about *how we choose our leaders*. May we vote so that *our systems of leadership will be worthy of your blessing, fashioned in such a way that they further our shared ability to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly [with you].” (Micah 6:8) (adapted from United Church of Christ Sermon Seeds)* http://www.ucc.org/worship_samuel_sermon_seeds_november_18_2018

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Gabriola

God, we pray that those we have elected as our representatives for the Regional District of Nanaimo and for Islands Trust will be good stewards of our beautiful island of Gabriola.

May our church make a difference in this community.

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Those in need

God, you know our needs before we ask. May all who are waiting for medical tests or procedures and all who are waiting for results be especially aware of your presence with them. We pray for all who are in need of healing, naming them silently or aloud.

May they be made whole as Bartimaeus was made whole and may they follow you as he followed you.

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Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers.

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