

## **Prayers of the People for Sunday, December 2, 2018**

### **ADVENT 1: HOPE**

At the end of each prayer, I will say, “**God of Hope...**” Please join me in saying “**hear our prayer.**”

#### **The Worldwide Church**

Holy God, as we enter Advent, please help all of us in the worldwide church to use it as a time to learn to trust you and to know you better. Please strengthen Bishop Logan, Moderator Richard Bott, the congregation of the Church of the Advent in Colwood and its priests Sandra Hounsell-Drover and Paul Schumacher and the congregation of Cedar United Church and its minister the Rev. Erin Sterling.

**God of Hope, hear our prayer.**

#### **Christ Church Gabriola**

We pray for our own Christ Church Gabriola. We thank you, God, that Karen is safely back with us. We thank you for all the members of our church who have worked so hard to give to our community, including those who organized and led the two sessions on childhood anxiety and those who work at the Friday lunch. We thank you for all who worked yesterday to decorate the church for Advent and for all those who spent hours practicing special music. **God of Hope, hear our prayer.**

#### **The World**

Creator God, we pray for this earth. May we and our leaders make right decisions and take right actions to look after your creation. We pray for all who are suffering from natural disasters.

God of Justice, we pray for the many, many troubled areas of the world. We pray for all who have had to leave their homes in search of a safer place to live. We pray that they and all those who are distressed may experience justice.

**God of Hope, hear our prayer.**

#### **Community**

Loving God, please help us to look after the many in our community who are confused and fearful. We pray for the children who feel anxious or alarmed. May they all see your redemption drawing near. At this time of year, when it is cold and dark outside, we pray that all will have shelter, warmth and food. We thank you for those who work to help the homeless and we thank you that affordable housing will be top priority for Gabriola’s Local Trust Committee. **God of Hope, hear our prayer.**

#### **The sick**

Loving God, we pray for all who are waiting for surgery and for all who are suffering or sick. We name silently or aloud those known to us who need your healing touch. PAUSE. God, may they experience your mercy and steadfast love.

**God of Hope, hear our prayer.**

#### **Those who mourn**

We pray for all those who mourn. God, may they experience your peace.

**God of Hope, hear our prayer.**

**Please join me in saying the Lord's prayer as printed in the bulletin.**