

Prayers of the People

Dec. 25, 2018 10:00 am

After each prayer, please say with me, "Loving God, hear our prayer."

"Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice! as we the universal church celebrate the birth of Jesus. We celebrate the arrival of God among us, so that we might go to God, or more precisely return to God. Let us revere the nativity which releases us from the chains of evil. Let us honour this tiny Bethlehem which restores us to paradise. Let us revere this crib because from it we, who were deprived of self-understanding are fed by the divine understanding, the Word of God himself. Amen." (Gregory of Nazianzus).

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We ask you to bless Queen Elizabeth, her family and all her subjects on this day. May her Christmas message encourage us and show Your love to all this day.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We thank you for this our island home, Gabriola, and for all who deem to call it home. Help us to love, respect and help our neighbours in our words, deeds and actions. We ask your blessings on the Lions Club food hampers recipients and all who share in the Spirit Feast.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of the tsunami in Indonesia.

We hold before you the lonely, the sick, the hungry, the persecuted and the ignored. May you comfort and sustain them and use us as your servants here at Christ Church Gabriola to help them as we are able. We name them now aloud and in the silence of our hearts.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

God, guide, guard, protect and keep all the world's children in your care. Today many will be receiving gifts and many will not. Inequity and inequality abound. Help us to teach them your love, where all are precious in Your sight.

Loving God, 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. May they rest in peace. We remember and pray for those who mourn.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

"Though there was no room for Him in the inn, I hope there is in our houses for Him. It is Christmas time, and let us keep open house for him; let his rags be our Christmas raiment, his manger our Christmas cheer, his stable our Christmas great chamber, hall and dining room." (Mark Frank) Amen.