Prayers of the People Dec 30th, 2018

God our teacher, let us take time to hear you. To the words, Loving God, we reply, hear our prayer

We pray for the welfare of the church here on earth. Guide and govern it with your spirit, heal divisions and guide us in the way of truth so that we who call ourselves, Christians, may hold the faith in the unity of spirt.

We pray for our country and its leaders. May they govern with honesty and integrity.

Loving God Hear our prayer.

Creator God keep us mindful of the countless peacemakers, helpers and caregivers who live a life of service in the hurting spots of the world. Always support them.

Loving God Hear our prayer

Gracious God, in this time of prayer let us be aware of each other. Each of us has a different part to play in your service, each one of us is necessary to the functioning of your whole purpose. We are thankful for the skill of workers who restored our power and other services.

Loving God Hear our prayer

At this time of year, we give thanks for faith, family and friends close to us and we pray for those who are far away. We pray for their good health and safety.

Loving God Hear our prayer

We think of those whose minds are menaced by thoughts which worry or wound them. Deepen our awareness as we pray for each other. We pray for those who are ill or in some kind of distress and especially for those we name silently or aloud.

Loving God Hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who have died and for those who mourn.

Loving God Hear our prayer

We pray for a deeper understanding of you. Give us grace to take time to seek your spirt.

Loving God Hear our prayer Let this be a day of hope, of expectation. Let this be a day of peace and wholeness of knowing that our lives are in your hands. As we look to the new year let it be one of joy and blessing. Amen