

## Prayers of the People for January 13, 2019

### Baptism of the Lord

**At the end of each prayer, I will say, "Holy One..." Please join me in saying, "hear our prayer."**

Jesus, Beloved Son of the Most High, thank you for coming to be with us and showing us what God is like. Thank you for our baptisms. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit.

May we, like the people who walked on earth when you did, Jesus, be filled with expectation and questions. Jesus, may we, like you, spend time in prayer. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

### The Universal Church

Jesus, thank you for your church throughout the world. Thank you for all who serve you faithfully. We ask that your Holy Spirit inspire and guide Bishop Logan and Moderator Richard Bott. We pray for all the people affected by the fires at Murray United Church and Crossroads Community Church in Merritt. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

### Christ Church Gabriola

We thank you for Karen. We ask that all of us at Christ Church Gabriola may experience and recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, individually and collectively. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

### Creation

Creator, your earth cries out in pain. We mourn those who have died in avalanches in Europe. We mourn the death of the many species that have become extinct. We have abused your creation: there are ways to eliminate plastic packaging. May we in Canada demand that our stores do so. May we learn and practice good stewardship of the earth. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

### Our troubled world

Holy God, we pray for the troubled areas of the world, thinking particularly of all those affected by the bus crashes in Cuba on Thursday and in Ottawa on Friday and the explosion in Paris on Saturday. We pray for the people of Syria, the Congo, Mexico and the United States. We name other troubled places in the world, silently or aloud. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

### Our Community

God, we ask you to look after our community of Gabriola Island. We thank you for those who are bringing free produce from PHC's Food Recovery Program to Christ Church Gabriola for pick up. We pray for the new refugee family that is on its way to us. May we nurture and support them. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

### Those who are ill or experiencing adversity

God, we thank you that many at Christ Church Gabriola have come through illnesses, surgeries and other adversities and that they are healing. We pray for Sandra and Ted and for all those who are waiting for medical procedures, and for all who are ill, naming them silently or aloud.

May all those who are sick know that they are precious in your sight and loved by you.

**Holy One, hear our prayer.**

### All who mourn

We pray that all who mourn will remember that they and their loved ones are precious in your sight.

**Holy One, hear our prayer.**

God, you know what we need before we even ask (Matthew 6:8). We thank you that you give us what is best for us.

Please join me in singing the Lord's Prayer on page 959 of Voices United.