

Prayers of the People for March 24, 2019
Third Sunday in Lent

At the end of each prayer, I will say, "Christ, our Rock." Please respond with "Hear our prayer."

Holy One, we thank you for the scripture readings we have heard this morning, for their urgent warnings, their strong advice and the evidence of trust in you. We thank you for what Karen has shared with us this morning. May we listen so that we may live. **Christ, our Rock. Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, may we thirst for you and for your will for us, individually and in your church throughout the world, praying especially today for Bishop Logan and Moderator Richard Bott. We pray also for the ministry and congregation of St. Andrew's United Church in Nanaimo and for the church of St. Mary, Nanoose Bay, and priests, Selinde Krayenhoff & Cindy Corrigan. **Christ, our Rock. Hear our prayer.**

Here at Christ Church Gabriola, may we thirst for your vision for us. May we thirst for the things that satisfy. May we set our priorities and spend our labour well. **Christ, our Rock. Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, may we thirst for justice and peace in the world. We pray for all those who are unjustly imprisoned and for all refugees and migrants seeking places of safety. **Christ, our Rock. Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, we think of Mozambique and ask you to shelter all affected by Tropical Cyclone Idai in southern Africa. We pray for the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and all who are trying to help the people there. We bring before you other troubled areas of the world, naming them silently or aloud. PAUSE. **Christ, our Rock. Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, we thank you for all who are working to make affordable housing a reality on Gabriola. Bless them and their work. We pray that all may find shelter. **Christ, our Rock. Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, we pray for all who are waiting for medical tests, for diagnosis or for treatment. PAUSE. We pray that they will be aware of your presence with them as they wait. **Christ, our Rock. Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, be with all who thirst for healing at this time. We pray for all who are ill, naming them now, silently or aloud. PAUSE May they sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.
Christ, our Rock. Hear our prayer.

Holy One, we pray for all those who mourn, including Karen and her family. **Christ, our Rock. Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all others in need at this time, naming those we know, silently or aloud. PAUSE. We thank you that you know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking. **Christ, our Rock. Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, you have told us that if we are thirsty, we should come to you (John 7:37). May we thirst and may we come. **Christ, our Rock. Hear our prayer. Amen.**

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

