

Prayers of the People for the Third Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2019

In the times of silence, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

We give thanks to you, God, for the joy of being together today here at church. Thank you for your beautiful creation: the fairy slipper orchids, the dogwoods, the vanilla leaf meadows and all the new growth.

We pray for the worldwide church, for all who belong to the Way.

Thank you, God, for St. Paul, your chosen instrument. We pray that Fred Hiltz, Richard Bott, Logan, all other church leaders and all of us may be used by you. We pray for the Parish of Salt Spring Island, their priest, Gyllian Davies, and for Mimi Smienk, candidate, and the congregation of Quadra Island United Church. May they and all of us join with the angels in praising you.

Here at Christ Church Gabriola, we ask, God, that you will give us a vision of what you want us to do and to be. May we say with Ananias, "Here I am, Lord."

God, we pray for our troubled world:

We pray that there will be a complete change in the direction taken by the leadership of North Korea. May leaders there and everywhere learn to rule with justice and compassion. May there be peace.

We pray for all who are affected by the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We pray that the violence there will end and that truth will prevail.

We pray for other troubled areas of the world, naming them now, silently or aloud. PAUSE

God, we pray for our country

We pray that each of us will do our best to vote wisely in the federal by-election on May 6.

We pray for our Community

We thank you, God, for our volunteer firefighters and the work they do to protect us. We ask that they will be safe and feel valued. We pray that the Trustees of the Gabriola Fire Protection Improvement District will act with wisdom.

We thank you for the Compassionate Gabriola group. In particular, we thank you for the upcoming presentation on supporting socially isolated seniors. Thank you that all of us can learn to be good neighbours, of service to those in need.

Thank you for all who support the food bank.

Thank you for all who are cutting broom so that it does not crowd out the many beauties of our island.

We pray for all who are ill.

We think of all those we know who are in hospital, all who are sick at home, all who are waiting for medical tests or diagnosis and all who are undergoing treatment. We bring them to you, God, by name, out loud or in the silence of our hearts. PAUSE

We pray for all who are mourning. PAUSE

"We trust you, God, to supply the kind of help which we most need.

For your purpose and praise.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

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