

Prayers of the People for June 9, 2019

Holy Spirit, thank you for your promised presence among us.

Holy Spirit, we ask that **your church throughout the world** will be alive with your glory. We thank you for the work of Fred Hiltz, the retiring Anglican Primate, and we ask that you inspire those who will vote for a new Primate this month. Please inspire and direct our leaders, Bishop Logan and Moderator Richard Bott. Dwell with the people of St. Mary of the Incarnation in Metchosin and their priest, Aneeta Saroop and with The Reverend Phil Spencer, the Reverend Diane Collery and the congregation of St. Stephen's Qualicum Beach. *Holy Spirit, breath of God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free. **

We thank you that Karen is back with us after her study leave and meetings. We ask that you continue to inspire her work among us. In our Bible reading this morning it says that old people will dream dreams and young people will see visions. We ask that we, too, will have a vision of what you want us to do and be as your church here on Gabriola Island. *Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith. **

Creator, we thank you for your beautiful **creation**. We thank you for recent rain. May we learn to look after your creation. *Holy Spirit, Creator, renew the face of the earth. **

Spirit of Truth, we bring before you this **troubled world** in which we live. Silently or aloud we name some of the many places and situations in the world where people are suffering. PAUSE. May the people in these places experience truth, justice and peace. *Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness. **

Holy Spirit, Helper, we bring to you **our community of Gabriola**. May the new Eritrean refugee family that will soon join us find peace and fulfillment in their new home. Help us to welcome them and communicate our caring to them.

Holy Spirit, Comforter, we bring before you **all whom we know who are in hospital, or at home recovering from illnesses**, including Mollie, Heather, Sandra, Gar and all affected by the car accident on North Road yesterday. We name others who are ill, silently or aloud. PAUSE We pray that they and we will experience the peace you have given to us.

Holy Spirit, Comforter, we bring to you **all affected by the deaths** occupying a full page of obituaries in the latest Sounder, and all others mourning the losses of those dear to them. We pray that your presence will bring comfort and courage.

Holy Spirit, we often do not know what to pray for. We thank you that you know our needs before we ask.

We close our prayers by singing the Lord's Prayer on page 959.

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