

Prayer of the People for Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

I ask you to put your feet flat on the floor, close your eyes and fold your hands relaxed in your lap. You are now ready to let the Divine Spirit enter your heart and mind to express our gratitude and bring our petitions before God.

God of all creation who watches over each of us wherever we are and know what we do and think. We thank you for your love for us and your love for all of nature. We are in awe of the beauty around us. Help us to be good caretakers of all your creations. We are grateful for the gentle rains this week on our island and many places in our province. It helped to keep the forest fires in check.

God, what is your call for our congregation? Teach us to be still and listen to your voice, your call for us, stop us from hurrying and wanting and doing. Help us to be still not just once but may it become a daily practice. You will let us know what that may be in due time. Many of us are working with joy in our hearts among your people in need. Continue to keep us healthy and cheerful to help those in their difficult times on their life journey. Fill us with love for those we find hard to love.

We bring before you all the young children who are out of school for the summer months. Keep them safe and give the parents and caregivers patience and love. Watch over all the youth wherever they may be. Keep them safe from physical and mental harm and above all the use of drugs. May they ask for your help.

Guide and bless all the church leaders with wisdom and understanding and tolerance. We ask for your guidance and blessings for our Rev. Karen. Comfort those who were disappointed and hurt by the Anglican bishops' decision this past week not to approve same-sex marriages.

Our world is changing rapidly and is in chaos in so many places. So many people are displaced and living in dismal and dangerous living conditions. Knock on the hearts of all the country leaders to bring about an end to the suffering and injustices on the people whose voices are not heard. Bless and guide those who have answered your call to be their voice, their hope, their guide. May **we** hear your voice when you call us to support those workers on the front line.

We bring to you the people who are suffering because of severe floodings, the areas and people hit by severe windstorms. Bring an end to the many shootings causing deaths among the poor areas in South Africa. We bring to you those who mourn the deaths brought about by suicide bombings in Somali, the struggles of the people in Hong Kong for justice. May they as well as us not lose faith in You and find your love in those who are willing and able to give them support.

Bring clarity and a sense of fairness to all the world leaders who are ready to wage war with powerful weapons of destruction, world trade tariffs and keeping people hostage.

We ask for your healing touch among us here today and for those at home. Be with Heather, Molly, Sandy and those we bring to you out loud or silently now. .... Give those who mourn comfort and hope. Surround those who suffer

from mental relapses with your gentle spirit. Bring peace to those who are at the end of their earthly journey. We thank you for the many answered prayers.

Go with all of us as we leave this house of worship. Fill us with your spirit to take on the tasks you have planned for us. We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus our Saviour who taught us the prayer we are about to sing found on page 959 of our hymnal.

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen