

Prayers of the People for Sept. 8, 2019
13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Thank you God, for our many blessings. Thank you for Linda, who is taking our service today. Thank you for the bountiful harvest and for our opportunities to be outside in your creation. Thank you for the sunset last night and for the blessings of friendship. We pause now to thank you aloud or in silence for other blessings. **SILENCE**

God, we pray for your church throughout the world.

We pray that our leaders, Bishop Logan and Moderator Richard Bott will help us to be what you want us to be as a church. We pray for the people of St. Dunstan, Gordon Head and their priest, Jeremy Carr. We pray also for Minister Karen May and the congregation of Texada Island United Church. Form them and us according to your will.

God, we ask for your help with our visioning process here at Christ Church Gabriola. What is your call for us? Please speak to us in ways we can hear and help us to faithfully answer your call for us in this time and place.

Creator God, you have given us this beautiful world. We know that your creation is in serious trouble due to climate change. Help us to find the knowledge and the will to look after your creation as you would have us look after it.

God, we are aware of the many who suffer from the effects Hurricane Dorian. May we act as your people and offer help to all those in need of help.

Sovereign God, there are so many many troubled areas in this world, areas of war or famine or political unrest.

We pray for the United States and we pray for Britain. We pray for the people of Zimbabwe. We name, silently or aloud, other places and people who are suffering. **SILENCE.** May all of us look to you for guidance and take right actions.

In our nation of Canada, we thank you for the privilege of voting. We pray that we will pay attention to issues and vote so that there is justice and mercy in our government. May we have leaders who learn how to walk humbly with you.

We thank you God, for all who work to make Gabriola a good place to live. We thank you for the affordable housing group. We ask that they will have the energy, wisdom and support to accomplish the task they have taken on.

God, we bring before you all those who are ill, mentioning them silently or aloud. **SILENCE.** O Lord, you are behind them and before them and you lay your hand upon them. We entrust them to you.

Loving God, be present with all who mourn. We ask that the discussions about grief to be held on Sept.11 will be fruitful. We pray for all mourners who must wait for death certificates, especially for those in Quebec, where the waits are very long.

We pray for Bishop Logan and his wife Marcia as they mourn the death of their grandson.

In silence we mention others who mourn. **SILENCE.** We ask, Lord, that all who mourn will experience your comfort.

Holy God, you know everything about us. "We know you have heard our prayers before we even expressed them. In your mercy please use them for the healing of ills and the righting of wrongs. In the name of Christ Jesus our Redeemer." <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C52sun23.htm>

We gather all our prayers together as we sing the Lord's Prayer on page 959 in Voices United.