

## **Prayers of the People September 22, 2019**

We pray for Your church. May we have no other gods before you whether nation or party or state or church and may we seek no other peace but the peace which is yours. Make us your instruments for the work of peace. (Alan Paton) 'The Work of Peace', adapted

Lord hear and have mercy.

We pray for the heads of state and their government that they may serve your people according to your will with mercy and justice.

Lord hear and have mercy.

We ask guidance as we go to the polls in October here in Canada.

Lord hear and have mercy.

We pray for the world.

### **Coventry Cathedral Prayer**

*The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,*

**Father, forgive.**

*The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,*

**Father, forgive.**

*The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,*

**Father, forgive.**

*Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,*

**Father, forgive.**

*Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,*

**Father, forgive.**

*The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,*

**Father, forgive.**

*The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,*

**Father, forgive.**

*Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

*We pray for your ministers and congregations. Minister Wayne Hughes, Campbell River United Church and Sandra and John Hounsell- Drover Church of the Advent Anglican Church*

*We pray for your guidance here at Christ Church Gabriola as we move forward in our Visioning. Help us to open ourselves out to stretch our limits So that we may grow in your service to You and each other.*

Lord hear and have mercy.

As the rains come and the weather gets colder, we *hold before you those in need of shelter, physical shelter and shelter under your wings for physical emotional and spiritual harms.*

Lord hear and have mercy.

At this harvest time, may we equitable share with others the bounty of the earth and your bounteous love or all.

Lord hear and have mercy.

We pray and hold before you all who are suffering in mind, body and spirit. Lord comfort and sustain them as we now name them aloud or in the silence of our hearts

Lord hear and have mercy.

We pray for all who have died and all who mourn them ....aloud or in the silence of our hearts

Lord hear and have mercy.