

## Prayers of the People for Sunday Sept. 29, 2019

Before all of us come before God I ask you to prepare your body and mind to be aware of the Divine Spirit within you. Put your feet flat on the floor, close your eyes, relax your body and place your hands in your lap.

Divine Spirit, we the people gathered here in your house, are ready to come before you with our thankful hearts and worried minds.

You have given us much to be thankful for. The gentle rains this week, the daily surprises in our lives, the many answered prayers, the gifts of friendships, the music on Sundays, the caring and joy of our Rev. Karen, Molly's ability to be with us, the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Ted and Sandy and the safekeeping of John yesterday. These are only a few of your gifts.

Guide ALL the church leaders to speak your truth and show tolerance and compassion.

Be with David Soy and the Ecumenical group who are bringing your love and hope to those in prisons.

Guide us through the pre election period that we will listen carefully and not be afraid to ask questions of those who promise so much. WE ask you for help for us and for them.

Guide the teachers of our young children and youth everywhere. Keep all of them safe from physical harm and wrong choices. May they include you in their lives and in their work. No one does well without your help.

Teach us to pray for all of humanity and for those who are not easy to love around us and far away. We pray for those who have forgotten how to pray and those who never learned. We ask for your loving touch for all.

We are bombarded with bad news from around the world and feel hopeless  
Send angels to keep all women and children safe and send angels to stop the persons from committing terrible crimes. Protect all persons everywhere from violence. Be near those who suffer because of great injustices, the persons who are homeless, those who are jobless and families who can't find an affordable place to live. We bring the sufferings of the millions in the world who do not have clean water to drink and have no safe sanitation, nor enough food to eat. Guide all those who are willing to seek justice and solutions. We thank you for all their work. Show us what you want us to do to support them.

We are reminded that we all need to take better care of our planet Earth. Guide us to do our part on a daily basis and guide the leaders of all countries to do what is necessary NOW. Guide us all to share your resources in a sustainable manner, we on Gabriola Island to use our water wisely.

Be with those of us here who mourn for those we loved and the things that once brought us pleasure. Many of us are getting older and feel we cannot keep up with the many changes around us. Keep us calm with your love and promises. We bring before you those who are ill in body and mind. We name them out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Heather .....

Keep us awake this week when you come to us with a vision for service. Use our feet, our hands, our voices, our smiles and our resources and know that you are with us in all we are about to do for others. Remind us that you are not asking us to do more than we can handle.

We heard your promise: *You didn't choose me! I chose you! I appointed you to go and produce lovely fruit always, so no matter what you ask for from the Father, using my name, he will give it to you. John 15: verse 16*

We ask all this in Jesus' name.

Amen