

## Prayers of the People for Sunday November 24, 2019

Relax your body, and calm your mind and heart to feel the Divine Spirit within you and around you.

Creator God, our father and mother God, we thank you for your love, your guidance and safekeeping. You come to us in many different ways and often we ignore your presence. Open our eyes and hearts to all the gifts and messages you continue to bless us with daily. Give us thankful hearts filled with praise for your goodness.

We are gathered here and are grateful for the peaceful surroundings, our voices to sing of your love, greatness and joy. We are grateful for the many musical talents in our congregation that fill our hearts with your spirit. We thank you for the gifts of your servant Karen, guide her in all she does.

Guide ALL the church leaders to speak your truth wherever they may be.

We enjoy so many good things here on Gabriola Island but we know that most of the world is in chaos and out of control it seems. We are often afraid of the present and certainly of the future.

The Bible readings this morning remind us that The Lord our Righteousness rules all the nations and will bring peace.

God, we feel the throngs of the oppressed knocking on our hearts to pray for them and bring them relief. God we pray for the safety of all who bring help, hope and compassion in your name to those who suffer hunger, physical and mental illness, imprisonment, torture, persecution and war, homelessness and those who have become dependent on drug. We ask you to stop the heavy rains in Kenya and surrounding countries. God give them strength and endurance to cope with the floods.

Give us courage and the right words to bring your message of love, hope and salvation to our children and grandchildren. May our deportment show that we are followers of Christ and that help and joy can be part of their lives also.

Teach us to pray and guide us to pass on that practice to the next generation.

Be with all the children and youth worldwide. There are so many temptations that are far more interesting than loving you and obeying your laws. Protect them from physical and mental harm. Bless all the teachers. Protect and guide them to inspire and bring confidence and hope to their students. We pray that they come to you for help in their challenging jobs.

We ask for your healing touch for those who are ill in body and mind and those who are mourning in our congregation. We name them out loud and in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for the improvement in Carolyn's health and the healing of Sandy and the ability of Molly to be with us. Continue to be with Heather and Robert who have not been able to be with us for a long time. May they feel you near.

Guide us this week to take time to be holy and speak to you often and listen. Fill us with desire to do what you want us to do in your name.

We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen