

Prayers of the People for December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

Today, in the prayers of the people, in the times of silence, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud. At the end of each prayer, I will say, “**God of Peace.**” Please join me in saying “**hear our prayer.**”
God of peace, hear our prayer.

Thank you, God, for the reading from Isaiah, for the beautiful picture of peace it creates. Thank you for the encouragement of the scriptures. **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

Thank you, God, for **your church** throughout the world. We ask that all of us who make up your church will bear good fruit. We ask that **Moderator Richard Bott** and **Bishop Logan** and all who lead us will help us to see that your kingdom is near. We pray for all who are preparing for the coming of Christ, particularly **St. Mary, Nanoose Bay** led by **Selinde Krayenhoff & Cindy Corrigan** and **the Rev. Minnie Hornidge** and the congregation of Alberni Valley United Church. We thank you for **Karen**, back with us this morning.

Here at Christ Church Gabriola, God, we ask for your help with our **visioning** process. 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. **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

“God of sparrow and lily, mountain and river, teach us to delight in and protect all that you have made; remind us that we are a single yet sometimes dangerous strand in your web of life.” (The Reverend Laurel Dykstra *Copyright © 2019 The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, All rights reserved.* pwrdf@pwrdf.org) **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

We ask for your help, God, for all the areas of the world where there is **war, or famine or injustice.** We ask that the upcoming elections in Britain may be fair. We ask that no country may pillage another country's resources. And, silently or aloud, we name other situations where your help is desperately needed. PAUSE May righteousness flourish and peace abound (Psalm 72:7).
God of peace, hear our prayer.

God, we thank you for all who work to make **Gabriola** a place of peace and justice. We thank you for the work of the Gabriola Housing Society. We pray that we will continue to support those among us who need help. **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

God, we ask that all who are ill will be aware of your presence with them. We name silently or aloud all whom we know who are ill at this time. PAUSE **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

God, we thank you that all who have died are known to you and held in your love. We ask that all who mourn will be comforted. **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

God of glory and grace, you know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking. Please give us not necessarily what we ask for, but what you know we need. **God of peace, hear our prayer.**

Please join me in saying the Lord's Prayer as printed in your bulletin.

