

## **Prayers of the People January 19, 2020**

We give you thanks for sending Jesus the Christ as a light to the nations that your salvation may reach to the ends of the Earth. We thank you for John the Baptist who recognized your Son, and for Andrew and Simon Peter who became the first disciples.

God of love; hear our prayer

God, we ask that you guide your church in the way of unity, service and praise. WE ask for your blessing on the upcoming 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. Draw your church together to be a faithful witness.

God of love; hear our prayer.

We give thanks for Bishop Logan, Richard Butt and Karen and fo all ministers who preach the Gospel.We ask for your blessing on the Visioning process and its implementation.

God of love; hear our prayer.

God, we thank you that we are able to meet to learn new things, take on challenges and accept changes. Make us mindful of this as we study 'Wisdom of Jesus' this week.

God of love; hear our prayer.

God, we pray for our world. We hold before you those suffering physically, mentally or emotionally. We pray for the victims of and families of Flight 752, for fire victims- human and animal in Australia. We pray for those suffering under drought conditions and closer to home, those suffering from the storms in Newfoundland. We pray too for ourselves. May we learn how to use our environment so that all may benefit equally and without greed. Grant peace and comfort to all those needing relief from distress.

God of love; hear our prayer.

May all those in authority use their power for the benefit of all. May they show love and compassion in dealing with people. May they strive for justice and peace.

God of love; hear our prayer.

God, give us the strength to serve the needs of others and ourselves, the poor, the persecuted, the sick, refugees, prisoners and all those who suffer or who are in danger.

God of love; hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ or those who are known only to you naming them now aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.

God of love; hear our prayer.

May your healing touch be on all those who are sick physically, mentally or emotionally. We name them now or in the silence of our hearts.

God of love; hear our prayer. Amen

