

## Prayers Of The People – February 16, 2020

*God of Mercy & Love – Hear Our Prayer*

We Pray for the universal church. You told us to love you with our whole hearts and to love our neighbours as ourselves. You gave us your commandments to guide us. Give us strength to live by these commandments that we may teach others of your goodness so that we may all can choose life and prosperity over death and adversity.

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We hold before you all in authority. May they work for the good of all by being inclusive and equitable in their dealings. Lord lead them with love and compassion that disputes can be overcome.

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God our world is ever changing – physically from Fire, Floods, Earthquakes, Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Tsunamis. Political from Changes in governments, Boundaries. Socially Acceptance – Rejection of others, Sexual orientation, Skin color, Language. – Environmentally. Help us to adapt to change as it continues to present us with many issues as well as standing up to the challenges presented to us.

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We pray for this island home – Gabriola and for all who call it home. May we appreciate the great privilege we have just by being a part of the nature that surrounds us and by the people who make up this diverse and loving community. Let us continue to build strong relationships with each other as well as help each other out as we can.

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We pray and give thanks for those who lead and guide us: Bishop Lord Richard Bott; Karen our Minister; our helpers Linda, Harold, Gay, Sheila; all Ministry. Our congregation ask your blessing on our visionary process

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God, give us the courage and strength to help to support those in any kind of trouble or distress – the homeless, the hungry, prisoners, addicts, the unloved. May we be your servants to them.

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We pray for the sick and ask that your healing touch be upon them. We name them now aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

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We pray for all who have died in the peace of Christ and for those whose who are known to you alone. May they all rest in peace. We name them aloud or in the silence of our hearts. We ask that you sustain and uphold all who mourn.

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Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN