

Prayers of the People for Oct. 11, 2020
Thanksgiving Sunday

At the end of each prayer I will say, “**Loving God...**” Please join Don in saying, “**hear our prayer.**” In the times of silence, please add your own prayers. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

God, thank you for this Thanksgiving Day when we especially try to remember what we are thankful for. You have given us so much and done so much for us. Thank you, God, that in these difficult pandemic times we have you, with us as always. Thank you for the gift of memory so that we can reflect back on how far we have come with you by our side, you in us, loving us, leading us, guiding us

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Thank you, God, for holy rest - rest you have commanded. No matter how hard we work, we can never do everything. You alone are infinite. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Thank you for the wonderful words of the psalm today that remind us that we and all creation are made to praise and worship you. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Thank you, God, for your **church** throughout the world. We thank you for Moderator Richard Bott and for the new bishop of this diocese, Anna Greenwood-Lee. Thank you for the churches of this diocese and the Pacific Mountain Region who are doing your work. We thank you for our own minister, Karen. Thank you for all the members of this church who work so hard to support us and to educate us. Thank you for the members of Council who hold us together. **Loving God, hear our prayer.** Thank you for this beautiful **world** you have made. We ask for your help as we work for the well-being of the earth and its inhabitants. Thank you for Medecins Sans Frontieres, the Stephen Lewis Foundation, the PWRDF and the United Church Mission and Service Fund. May we support these and other humanitarian organizations as we are able. **Loving God, hear our prayer.** There are so many troubled places in the world, right now, O God. We pray for the United States, for North Korea, for Armenia and for Azerbaijan. We name other troubled places in the world in this time of silence. **SILENCE.** We ask, Lord, for peace and healing for the nations. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

There is a long list of people in our church community who are ill, including Vanessa, Rick and Sandra. Today, as we pray for the sick, I ask each one of you here to recall our Gospel for this morning, where Jesus heals a person in the synagogue (Luke 13:10-17). Please bring to mind one – just one - person in our church, or someone else whom you know, who is ill. **PAUSE.** Visualize that one person. See that one person with us in our worship **today**. Imagine – this is no stretch - that Jesus is also with us in our worship **today**. See him teaching us. See and hear Jesus call the ill person over, close to him. See that person move toward Jesus. See that person standing right before Jesus. Hear Jesus say, "You are set free from your ailment." See Jesus lay his hands on the person you are thinking about. See that person stand up, straight and healthy. Hear that person praise God. Hear all of us rejoicing. **SILENCE** **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Please join me in saying the Lord's Prayer.