

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please add your own prayers in the times of silence.

At the end of each prayer, I will say “**Holy One.**” Please join me in saying, “**hear our prayer.**”

Holy One, hear our prayer.

Loving God, **thank you** for that word, “Immediately” in the Gospel this morning. Jesus, you spoke to your disciples immediately when they cried out in fear. You reached out your hand immediately when Peter cried out. Thank you.

O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. (Richard Rohr)

Holy One, hear our prayer.

Loving God, may we, your **church** throughout the world, see you and take heart as we live during this time of COVID 19. Strengthen our national church leaders and our ministers, including Karen, as they learn to do so many things differently in order to continue your work. We ask that *Comox United Church, the Creative Connections Church Plant in Port Alberni (UC) and the congregation of St. Columba in Tofino (AC) find the right ways to serve you. Here at Christ Church Gabriola, please help us to see and articulate your vision for us.*

Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other’s burdens and the weight of glory. (Richard Rohr) **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

Creator, you love this **world** you have made. May all of us learn to work for the wellbeing of the earth and its inhabitants. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

Loving and Compassionate God, we bring to you all the victims of the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon on Tuesday, Aug. 4. We ask for help for the families of those injured or killed. We ask, God, for justice and healing for the country of Lebanon – for relief from poverty, from hunger, from corruption and from COVID 19. May there be systemic change and may people see hope.

God, you know all about the victims of tropical storm Isaias and the victims of the tornado in Manitoba. We ask for comfort for those who mourn and healing for those injured. On this, the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, we pray for the banning of nuclear weapons.

Loving God, this world of yours is very troubled and battered. *Listen to our hearts’ longings for the healing of our world (Richard Rohr)* as we add our own prayers in silence. SILENCE.

Holy One, hear our prayer.

Thank you, God, for the rain that has lowered the forest fire risk here on **Gabriola**. We ask that you protect those who work to protect us. Please look after all first responders and those who are working under difficult circumstances to make sure we have food and essential goods.

Holy One, hear our prayer.

Healing God, we bring to you **all whom we know who are ill**, beginning with the Brydges family. We name the many others known to us who need your healing. SILENCE. Jesus, we ask that they see your hand reaching out and catching them. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we bring to you **all those who have died and those who mourn**, remembering those in our Gabriola community and those known to us who are further away. Silence. May they know your peace.

Holy One, hear our prayer.

Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God, amen. (Richard Rohr)

Please join me in saying the Lord's Prayer.