

Prayers of the People Sunday June 17, 2018

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer".

We pray and give thanks for your church throughout the world. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness. Unite us in love and truth that we may reflect your glory

We pray and give thanks for Canada, our Queen, our governments, and our people. Make us generous, just and peaceable. Let us be thankful in prosperous times and in troubled times. Do not let our trust in you fail.

We pray and give thanks for Christ Church Gabriola. For Jordan Cantwell, Bishop Logan and our respective Mother churches. Strengthen our commitment to you and guide us on our journey of Faith.

We pray and give thanks for our world. Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it. Help us to use our gifts responsibly that all may share equitably in your creation.

We pray and give thanks for our families, friends and neighbours. Help us to love them all in whatever circumstances we find them and ourselves in.

We pray and give thanks for fathers everywhere remembering that in our culture today is their special day, Father's Day.

We pray and give thanks for the time of learning and sharing that many of us experienced at the 'Safe Church' workshop yesterday.

We pray for victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression and for all who are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble. We hold before you all those suffering as a result of natural disasters; drought in the Sudan, volcanos erupting in Hawaii, Indonesia, Guatemala, flooding and forest fires in Canada. We pray you will guide our leaders in these politically challenging times. May they deal fairly and humanely with the migrant/immigrant problems currently affecting many nations.

We pray and hold before you all are ill in mind, body or spirit...naming them aloud and in our hearts. May your healing touch fall upon them.

We pray for those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known only to you.

Today we give thanks as we celebrate Ruby Tanner's life and give comfort to all who mourn.

Those things, Good Lord,

That your servants have prayed for,

Give us grace to work for;

And in the purpose of your love

Answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes.

For Jesus' sake

Amen