

Prayers of the People for March 14, 2021

Loving God, as we continue our Lenten journey, we pray for your transforming light, the light of which John speaks. May it illuminate the minds and hearts of leaders and citizens of all nations, that they may see a new vision of lives filled with justice, peace and harmony.

God of light and love; Hear our prayers.

We pray for those peoples and places in the world where there is persecution and conflict – the Uyghur community of China, the civil wars in Myanmar, Yemen, and Afghanistan and other parts of the world – as people of faith and spiritual hope we pray the worlds' conflicts may be resolved in a just peace. May the light of Christ guide all those engaged in the global work of peace and conflict resolution and to persevere in their endeavours with courage, vision and energy.

God of light and love; Hear our prayers.

We especially hold a place in our prayers for our nation's health care community who have throughout the pandemic worked with exceptional dedication and commitment. For all those who have and continue to work outside their home to provide all of us with needed services and support we give our thanks and prayers.

We pray for our religious leaders, especially for Karen, that they and she may be held in your restorative and transforming light of healing, wisdom and love.

We express our heartfelt gratitude for our beautiful island home and the lengthening sunlit days of spring and summer just ahead. Through the gifts of your creation, you care for all.

God of light and love; Hear our prayers.

As we use this Lenten season to discern your presence, God, and to deepen our faith, we give thanks for the gift of prayer and ask that you help us to pray with deeper attention and renewed commitment. The subtle energies of our prayers are the spiritual nutrients that help to bring your transforming light and healing to the world. In the sacral moments of our prayers, we name before you those in our circle who are in especial need of your illuminating guidance and grace.

In the words of the Gospel of John, may the light and love of God transform us into wise and caring companions as together we continue to walk our Lenten journey.

God of light and love; Hear our prayers.

Amen.