

Prayers of the People for April 25, 2021

At the end of each prayer, I will say, “**Good Shepherd.**” Please join Don in saying, “**hear our prayer.**”

Good Shepherd ... hear our prayer.

Jesus, we pray for your **church** throughout the world. May our leaders and all of us listen to your voice and learn the power of your name. Here at Christ Church Gabriola, God, we ask that as we vote on the Covenant today we may know how you are leading us and we may be ready to do your will.

Good Shepherd hear our prayer.

Creator, we celebrated Earth day on April 22. Please help all of us daily to find ways, small or big, to care for this **planet** you have given us as home. Please bless the work of the tree planters in BC this summer. May they be safe and may their planting help the environment. We ask, also, God, that you protect and save the environment defenders in Colombia and elsewhere.

Creator, thank you for the community of Gabriola and for the many who are working to care for this island and for this planet.

Good Shepherd hear our prayer.

During this difficult period of the **pandemic**, we ask for your help, Lord. We pray that you will support all overstretched nurses, doctors and other hospital workers, as well as all who must work face to face with the public. We ask, gracious God, that you will give relief to the people of India, Brazil and Iraq. We ask that there will be effective vaccinations for all and that they will be available quickly. Preoccupied with the pandemic, may we not forget all those parts of the **world** suffering in other ways as well. We think of Ukraine and the city of Jerusalem, of the sinking of the Indonesian submarine and of the hospital fire in Iraq. Silently, we name other places where people suffer and need your help. PAUSE.

Good Shepherd hear our prayer.

Loving God, we ask that you support all who are dealing with postponed surgery. May those who are waiting for tests or test results know your presence with them. Please speed the healing of all who are recovering from surgery or injuries. We bring before you all whom we know who are **ill**, naming them in this time of silence. PAUSE. We ask for your comfort and healing for all of them.

Good Shepherd hear our prayer.

God, we bring before you **all who have died** and **all for whom death is near**. PAUSE. We thank you that you are with all who walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

We bring before you as well all whom we know who are **grieving** at this time. PAUSE. Jesus, you know about grief. May all who are grieving be aware that you are with them.

Good Shepherd hear our prayer.

Thank you, God, for the words of the twenty-third psalm. May they comfort all those who need your comfort as they have comforted generation after generation of those who look to you. **Amen.**

Please join me in saying the Lord’s Prayer as printed on your screen.