

## Prayers of the People for August 8, 2021 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

At the end of each prayer I will say, “**Living Bread**”. Please join Lisa in saying “**Hear our prayer.**”

**Living Bread, hear our prayer.**

Generous God, thank you that you are always present with us and that we can talk to you and be nourished by you. Thank you that you teach us and draw us to yourself. Thank you for blackberries – free and delicious food for the picking, reminding me of the manna you gave to the Israelites in the wilderness. Thank you, as Karen said, for the certainty of your provision. **Living Bread, hear our prayer.**

Jesus, we pray for your **church** throughout the world and for its leaders. We pray that all who lead, including Karen, will have the support they need in these challenging times. We ask that our own Strategic Planning Committee will hear your voice and guide us wisely to do your will. We pray for our Council as they make difficult decisions around re-opening the church. **Living Bread, hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we ask for your help in looking after the **world** you have given us to live in. We thank you for our wells, our rainwater harvesting and our cisterns. We thank you for the rain on Friday evening and into Saturday morning. We pray for rain for all the places suffering from drought and fire. God, we are very grateful to live in a place where we wake up to fresh air every morning. We think of all who are suffering from smoke or fire: throughout our province and in Greece, Turkey, California and elsewhere. We ask you to safeguard firefighters and emergency personnel as they try to look after so many people in difficult situations. **Living Bread, hear our prayer.**

We ask that there will be a secure water supply for all indigenous communities in Canada . **Living Bread, hear our prayer**

Lord God, we watch Covid numbers climb in the US, Tokyo, here and in other places. Please help us to learn to deal with this virus and to ensure that all have access to vaccines. **Living Bread, hear our prayer.**

Just and merciful God, we pray for all the people in the **world** who are suffering due to war, hunger, climate change or oppressive political systems. We ask you to look after the people of Afghanistan and Ethiopia. We pause now to name other troubled areas of the world where people need your help. PAUSE. Lord, please deliver us all. **Living Bread, hear our prayer.**

God, we thank you for the opportunities we have had to be outside and to spend time with family. God, we think about the tragedy of King David and his son, Absalom. We pray that there may be right, loving relationships between family members. **Living Bread, hear our prayer.**

Saving God, we pray for all who are **sick**, naming those known to us. PAUSE. God, may they taste and see that you are good. **Living Bread, hear our prayer.**

God, we pray for all people dealing with **grief**. We hold in our hearts the families of Harold, Alex, Elgin and others known to us. PAUSE. Loving God, may they find comfort in your love. **Living Bread, hear our prayer.**

We offer all these prayers in your name, Jesus, knowing that you know what is best for us. AMEN.

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

