

Prayers of the People for August 29 2021

Please join me in the Prayers of the People this morning. At the end of each prayer, I will say, **“Loving God.”** With Angela, please respond, **“hear our prayer.”**

Loving God, hear our prayer.

God, we can do nothing without you, not even worship you, not even keep your commandments. We thank you that you are with us and ready to help us when we call out to you. We depend on your mercy, O God. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Head of the Church, we pray for your **church** throughout the world. May all leaders and all of us lean on your strength. We thank you that Linda can lead this service even though she is so far away. We ask that Karen will have a refreshing and restorative vacation. We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Strategic Planning Committee. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Creator, we thank you for our home, your gift to us, **planet Earth.** Thank you for the rain on Thursday morning. We ask that we may find the will and knowledge to help in the healing our earth so desperately needs. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, in these “times that are savage” for so many we pray for all those throughout the world who are suffering, thinking particularly of those in Afghanistan and Haiti. We pray for Venezuela and for those in the path of Hurricane Ida. We name other troubled areas of the world in this time of silence. PAUSE. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

God, in our nation of **Canada,** we pray for health care workers who are burning out, for exhausted firefighters, and for all who have lost homes or livelihood or have been otherwise affected by wildfires. We pray that wisdom will prevail in the battle against Covid. We pray that our upcoming elections will be fair and just and that all of us will vote after prayerful discernment. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

In our community of Gabriola, we thank you God for all our first responders and for the vigilance of our firefighters. May they get the rest and respite they need. We pray for victims of accidents. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we bring before you **those who are near death** and those who love and care for them. PAUSE. We ask that they will feel your presence with them. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

We pray also for the families of Alex, Elgin and Harold and **all who are mourning.** PAUSE. May they experience your comfort. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we bring before you **all those who are ill, all who are recovering from surgery and all those who are waiting for medical interventions, tests, or test results,** naming those known to us. PAUSE. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

God, you know us inside out. You know our needs and our ignorance when we ask. Please give us what is best for us. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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