

Prayers of the People for September 19, 2021

O God, as we pray together this morning, may we be held in communion with you, that the mystery of your grace may work through our prayers in ways both visible and invisible to repair and heal the world.

God of wisdom and love. Hear our prayer.

We pray for those places in the world where there is continuing conflict and injustice – civil wars in African nations, the bitter strife between peoples in China, Syria, Iran, parts of Asia and central America. May all those who are striving for peaceful resolutions and engaged in humanitarian work be strengthened and sustained in their efforts by the grace of your Holy Spirit.

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We pray for the people of Afghanistan, wherever they may be, perhaps especially for the new arrivals to Canada. May they and all recent immigrants to our country experience what Jesus intended when he said to welcome all in his name.

We pray for our nation and its leaders particularly those participating in the federal election. Our spiritual hope is that they recognize not just the immediate but also the longer-term implications of all they have said during the election campaign. We pray for our nation's health care community; may they and we, and perhaps especially families with children, soon be granted an easing of the COVID pandemic.

We pray for our Church especially for the healing guidance and wisdom of your Spirit in the urgent work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We ask that your Spirit sustain our church leaders, especially Karen who has welcomingly returned following her summer break.

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Our church family has suffered much loss these past few months. Be close to those in our midst who are mourning and in grief, as well as to those who are worried, anxious, unwell – may they feel your loving presence. For those we name aloud or in the silence of our heart, we ask for your healing grace. **PAUSE**

As we go through the upcoming week, help us to be mindful of our many blessings especially our beautiful island home, a place of sanctuary during the pandemic. Help us to be deeply thankful for all we have been given. Strengthen our trust in you that we may live in spiritual hope, the power that moves and directs spiritual evolution in the world

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