

Let us pray:

Receive us, O God, as we draw near to you full of memories, full of feelings. We remember today the lives of Nancy Jenner, Ethel Straw, Al Nutter, Diane Parks, Evelyn Steele, Richard Bradshaw, Rose Jones, Margaret Hesthammer, Judy Kubey, Jamie Lawrence, Vanessa Downer, Helen Wilson, Harold Jenner, Elgin McKillop, Alex McConnell, Rick Schultze, and Ted Brydges. We thank you for their lives, for the gifts each of them brought to our community and the ways they shaped us into who we are today . . . with each candle that burns,

Loving God,

Hear our prayer

We remember others in our lives who we've lost over the years and in the last year. Hold us close, O God, as close as we can bear. Bless the tears that come . . . like the last leaves quivering on empty branches, finally accepting the closure of a season, let us receive our tears as an offering. Transform our regrets into forgiveness, and hold our hearts gently as we slowly exhale our prayer . . .

Loving God,

Hear our prayer

We give thanks for the saints of our lives, for the saints of our faith. How do we say thank you, for those who dreamed, fought, believed and suffered? We give thanks for the incredible things humans are capable of, for the endurance of the human spirit. Through collaboration with You, O God, astounding things are birthed into the world.

Loving God,

Hear our prayer

We lift up to you the aching of the world, the losses from COVID, from illness, accidents, and war . . . losses for which we prepare and those that come in the blink of an eye. We remember families who have lost bread winners, children, who grieve loved ones with whom they had complicated relationships. May all of us around the world who grieve today, feel Jesus weeping with us, and holding space for us to be gently transformed.

Loving God,

Hear our prayer

We give thanks to you O God, for the fall leaves that blanket our island, for the sunshine and the raven's call. We give thanks for the newness of another day, and the opportunity to gather and remember we are not alone, we are held in community, and we participate in Your story, O God. Today we remember those who came before us . . . pray for those who come after us, and

find ourselves in the present . . . listening for your voice as work to live out your call for us. We are grateful for your faithful walk with us.

Loving God,
Hear our prayer