

May 8, Prayers of the People

God as we listened to your Word this morning, help us to recognize what we are to know - that you who created the world and raised Jesus from the dead is always and forever active in the world and in ways that defy human expectations.

God of Mystery and Love, hear our prayers.

God of all Nations, we continue to pray for Ukraine and its people as they suffer the horrors and insanity of war. Help us to know the vision that you have for us all – to be free to live, love, think and create with a sense of dignity and the sanctity of space around us – will always and ultimately prevail. As we pray for Ukraine, we continue to hold in our prayers all regions in the world suffering humanitarian crises exacerbated by the war.

God of Mystery and Love, hear our prayers.

God of our Church, through the ages you have moved the people of Christ to continually strive to build and sustain communities where love, peace and justice are the fundamental principles by which all human beings are expected to live. We pray with Christians where and however they may be gathered in the world, that we may all be sustained by the mystery and power of the Holy Spirit.

God of Mystery and Love, hear our prayers.

God of Beauty, we express our heartfelt gratitude for our beautiful island home and the lengthening sunlit days of late spring and summer just ahead. Through the gifts of your creation, you care for all.

God of Mystery and Love, hear our prayers.

Help us to learn that in the richness, beauty and power of your Reality everyone and everything is connected, and no one and nothing stands alone – that to pray for one person or one part is to pray for the whole. We express our deepest gratitude for all our loving relationships, and ask that you be close to those we name aloud or in the silence of our heart.

As we go through the week, help us not to give way to our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear, and despair, but to know and live in your unconditional love for us, and to trust in your guiding presence which is always and eternally with us.

Amen