

Prayers of the People for September 25, 2022

Season of Creation

At the end of each prayer this morning, I will say, “**Loving God...**” Please join me in saying, “**hear our prayer.**” **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Jesus, head of the church, we pray for your **church** throughout the world; may we all seek justice. We thank you, God, for our regional, diocesan and national Anglican and United Church organizations who can offer us help and resources and speak for justice. In our own Christ Church Gabriola, we thank you for Sally who is leading the service today. We pray that Karen will feel supported and loved during this difficult time. We pray, God that you will give wisdom to our two council co-chairs, Mona and Betty, and to our whole council. May they listen for your voice as they act on our behalf. We thank you for Tim, as he walks the Camino in gratitude and with prayers for us. We pray for his safety, health and continued growth in knowledge of you. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Creator, we pray that we will learn to listen to the voice of your creation and act as you call us to act. We pray for all those affected by Hurricane Fiona in the Caribbean and those affected in eastern Canada. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

God of Justice, we pray for the women of Iran and of Sudan. We pray for the people of Ukraine, suffering in war. We pray that there will be justice for all people. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

God, we pray for an end to the toxic illegal drug supply in Canada and that users will get the help that they need. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we pray for all those waiting for surgery, including Ian and others known to us. PAUSE. We pray that you will give them calm as they wait and that you will guide the hands of the surgeons. We ask for your healing, Lord, for all those recovering from surgery. We pray for all waiting for tests or test results. We pray, Lord, for all those who are ill, naming those known to us silently or aloud. PAUSE. May they be aware of your presence. **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Our National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is coming up on September 30. We offer to God this prayer from the United Church of Canada:

...We wear orange

to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to residential schools.

...We wear orange and we pray

for the residential school and intergenerational survivors who are still struggling.

... we wear orange and we are thankful

for those who speak the truth, and who work to shine a light on injustice.

... we wear orange in the name of compassion and the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

Help us, God, to remember and act on this every day.

Amen.

—This prayer was inspired by Honarine Scott’s Orange Shirt Day [blog](https://united-church.ca/prayers/prayer-orange-shirt-day). <https://united-church.ca/prayers/prayer-orange-shirt-day>

Holy God, you know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking. In this time of silence, please help us to bring to you other situations and people that we have forgotten to pray for. PAUSE.

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Please join me in the singing of the Lord's Prayer.