**Prayers of the People for June 10, 2018 (Pentecost 3)**

Please stand or sit as is your custom for the prayers of the people. In the times of silence, please add your own prayers.

I will end each prayer by saying “**God, in your mercy**.” Please join me in saying “**hear our prayer**.”

**God, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Lord God, **thank you** for the power of the scripture readings today. Thank you for your steadfast love and faithfulness (Psalm 138:2) even though we are not always faithful to you.

God, we thank you for your **church** throughout the world and for your people. We thank you for Bishop Logan and Moderator Jordan Cantwell. We thank you for the church of St. George the Martyr in Cadboro Bay and Elizabeth Welch, in charge there. We thank you for the Rev. Phil Spencer and Dianne Collery and the congregation of St. Stephen’s, Qualicum Beach. Thank you, God, that Karen is safely back with us. We thank you for the hard work of our council and for the faithfulness of the council members. We ask you to help all these people, and us, to do your work.

In Karen’s words, based on our small group meetings, we pray for ourselves:

*Comforter, we work so hard to care for each other. We give thanks for our sisters and brothers in Christ who visit, write, cook and offer their time and energy to those who have specific needs in our community. We give thanks for those who don’t fuss, but simply respond to the needs and do so with a servant heart in the name of Christ. Bless those who are serving in this way and tend to their hearts and spirits in their fatigue. Caring for the community is a community task, so we pray that you would stir all of our hearts toward caring for each other more deeply and more fully.*

***God, in your mercy . . .***  ***Hear our prayer***

Creator, we thank you for the beautiful world you have made and given to us for a home. We ask, God, that we learn to look after it properly.

**God, in your mercy . . .**  **Hear our prayer**

God we thank you for all who work for **peace and justice** in this troubled world. In particular we thank you for the relief organizations that many of us support: The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund, The United Church Mission and Service Fund and many others. Thank you for the dedicated people who work for and with these organizations.

God, we ask for justice and peace for **the many troubled areas of the world**, naming them now, silently or aloud.

Pause

We ask for peace for our Muslim brothers and sisters, neighbours and friends, as they near the end of Ramadan.

**God, in your mercy . . .**  **Hear our prayer**

God, we think of those we know who are experiencing what St. Paul calls “the wasting away of their outer nature.” (2Cor.4: 16). We pray for Helen W., Margaret H., Gail L., Diane P. and **all who are ill**, naming them now, silently or aloud. PAUSE

We thank you for St. Paul, who tells us that our inner nature is being renewed day by day. (2Cor.4:16)

**God, in your mercy . . .**  **Hear our prayer**

God, who raised the Lord Jesus, we think of **those who have died,** especially André, and we ask you to comfort **all who mourn.**

PAUSE

We claim your promise that “the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will bring us into his presence.” (2Cor.4:14)

**God, in your mercy . . .**  **Hear our prayer**

Please join in me in singing the Lord’s Prayer on page 959 in Voices United.