

Prayers of the People – Sunday November 28, 2021

In this time of hope and expectation, let us pray to the Lord, saying, **Lord of glory, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, who sent Jesus that we might have love and light, that we might have peace and joy, stir up our hearts in thanksgiving for all you have given us. Open our eyes to the beauty around us. Help us to protect and nurture your Holy Creation and ever proclaim its wonders.

ALL: Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

We pray for our world. May our leaders be genuinely concerned by the state of society, the lives of the poor, the health of the planet. We hold up Afghanistan and remember all in our world suffering under violent regimes. We pray for migrants being used as political tools and exploited by human traffickers. We pray for the victims and loved ones of the tragic drownings in the English Channel. We ask your comfort and strength for the people of British Columbia and Nova Scotia as they deal with devastating floods and storms. We give thanks for all who are working throughout the world to bring relief. Bless all who strive for peace, truth, reconciliation and justice in all our brokenness.

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The global pandemic continues, Lord, and we give thanks and pray for young people now eligible to receive the vaccine. We pray for equitable distribution throughout the world. We ask your healing presence for people suffering from any illness. We ask your blessing for the healers and caregivers. Lord stir in us a burning sense of responsibility for one another. As servants of Christ, may we be helpful and considerate, patient and forgiving.

ALL: Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for your church. In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Brazil with whom our diocese has enjoyed a long friendship. We hold them in prayer as they deal with the devastating effects of COVID-19 as well as mining and deforestation in the Amazon region. In our diocese we pray for St. John's Kingston, for their priest The Rev. Dr. Mike Michielin. Lord we ask your blessing for Bishop Michael. We pray for Canon Nancy and give thanks for her new ministry with us. Working together may we serve you well. Lord as this joyful season can be a time of great stress we pray that you strengthen your churches everywhere to share your good news. You are the creator and redeemer of all people, you love each one of us.

ALL: Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for ourselves and for all near and dear to us. May your healing touch be upon Eleanor and your kindness with Joyce. Holy Father we pray for your compassion for Norm and your comfort for Ingrid, Mark and Michelle. Hold them fast in your love. We pray for Arnold, his cousin and his son Michael as yesterday Michael found his young wife Danielle had died. May Danielle rest in your peace and rise in your glory. Comfort Michael and all who mourn. We give thanks for the life of Rev. Fran's mother, Emily Grace, may she rest in your peace and rise in your glory. Lord comfort Fran, Marg and all their loved ones. Lord comfort all who mourn. Aloud or silently Lord we name others we are carrying in our hearts who are in need of your care:

Lord, may all in any kind of need, feel your compassion and love.

ALL: Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

God of Advent, make our hearts ready for your coming. Make us faithful as we wait. May we remember we must continue to prepare the way until the whole world rejoices. We offer these prayers in the name of your most blessed gift, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**