

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

(Italics – from *Kneeling in Jerusalem* by Ann Weems)

*O God, we pray this day,
For we know that hope springs eternally,
But in your time.*

We pray
*for all who have a song they cannot sing,
for all who have a burden they cannot bear,
for all who live in chains they cannot break, and
for all who wander homeless and cannot return.*

We pray for refugees around the world, political prisoners, those who live under dictatorship, whether political or religious and the disenfranchised. We mourn the three dead in Charlottesville, Virginia, killed in the rhetoric of white supremacy protests. We continue to hope for rational discussions among leaders on North Korea.

We pray
*for those who are sick and for those who tend them
for those who wait for loved ones and wait in vain.*

Let us pray for those in our personal lives and in the world, near or far, who we know, in our congregation, in our community and in the world are serving or being served with love and devotion. Let us in gratitude thank and pray that our Pastoral Committee, family members, medical staff, emergency services , and our friends as they continue to lighten the load of those in need.

We pray
for those who live in hunger and for those who will not share their bread.

We contribute with time and funds to the success of our Food Depot, the Friday PHC Lunch program and also to charities, Mission

& Service, and the Primate's World Relief Fund for all those in need around the world. We bless those assisting our people caught in BC wildfires this summer.

We pray
for those who are misunderstood and for those who misunderstand.

We work to further our understanding of our native peoples so that they are heard and we are better able to communicate and to be patient on both sides with long term and current issues.

We labour within our church communities to learn about conflict resolution and to lead with the understanding and forgiveness which God gives us.

We bless Rev. Jeri Bjornson and the congregation of Ladysmith First United Church and Rev. Jordan Cantrell, our Moderator; Rev. Elizabeth Welch and the congregation of St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay and Bishop Logan.

We pray
for those who are captives and for those who are captors
for those whose words of love are locked within their hearts
and for those who yearn to hear those words.

We pray that God in time and in our love, hope and minds will create the positive life enhancing changes which we crave.

Have mercy upon these, O God.
Have mercy upon us all.

We know you are ever with us.

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