

Prayers of the People Aug 20th, 2017

National Anglican Church Prayers

Aug.17, 2017: **A prayer for Barcelona from the National Anglican Church:** ... As we remember the dead, we pray for those who grieve their tragic deaths' As we remember the injured, we pray for those who will sit at their bedsides and the medical teams who will tend them. As we remember all those traumatized by this atrocity, we pray for all who minister to them. ... let us be bold in praying for those who with such malicious intent inflict such horrific suffering on others. Let us pray that they be turned from their malice, their hearts be moved and their plans thwarted. ... May our world be turned from violence to compassion, from malice to mercy' from fear to freedom. Amen.

Aug. 18, 2017: **Charlottesville, Virginia:** Let us ... [hold] before God all those who govern' and negotiate an end to [racial] violence; and all who serve and protect the public as police and emergency health services personnel. In many respects their job is none other than what the prophet said of those who would rebuild the cities laid waste by violence in his day' "You shall be the repairers of the breach, the restorer of the streets,,. (Isaiah 58:12). Let us pray too for the church's witness in the midst of this growing crisis' May we be united' courageous and unwavering in denouncing racialized violence of every kind and in proclaiming the God-given dignity with which "...every family in heaven and on earth derives its name" (Ephesians 3:15) The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Archbishop and Primate, The Anglican church of Canada

Lord, guard & direct your Universal Church in the way of unity, service & praise.

Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, we hold before you your people of the Diocese of B.C. with Bishop Logan, the presbytery of Jordan Cantwell & of Christ Church Gabriola.

May we truly, devoutly love and serve you and our neighbours as ourselves.

Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray that your love will overcome our fears as tensions rise in this world. May people act with integrity, courage, respecting one another in freedom & truth in these times. Give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, peace in our hearts, through your son Jesus christ our Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for our country, Canada, her citizens. Make us welcoming and supportive to all. Let us welcome those seeking asylum here & give aid and support those of our citizens who have endured flooding, fire, tornados. Use us to be your blessing on them.

Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, here on Gabriola, make us a welcoming community to all our families, relatives, friends, neighbours, visitors. May we be helpful, loving, cheerful, & hopeful. Lord hear our prayer. Lord we ask your blessing upon our Christ Church Gabriola committees, help them in the tasks they have set before them.

Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray your loving touch be upon those who are suffering in mind, body, or soul. As we pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Lord deliver them, & keep them in your love. we ask this in Jesus's name. Amen

Lord, we pray for all who have died in the peace of Christ, those known to you alone. Those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. May they rest in peace. comfort those who mourn. Lord hear our prayer. "Praise to you, abundant God, For when we ask, you give; When we seek, you show the way. When we knock, you answer. Praise to you for your unfailing grace; Make us your faithful people." Amen