

Prayers of the People for Aug. 6, 2017

Please stand or sit according to your custom for the prayers of the people.

Please join me in offering prayers to God. In the times of silence, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

The Church

God, we pray for your church. We pray that we may be compassionate as you are compassionate. May we offer our resources to Jesus as the loaves and fishes were offered to him.

God we ask you to give your grace and power to Bishop Logan and Jordan Cantwell and to Jim, who is our minister today, so that they may fulfill their ministry. Please bless the people of the Parish of Central Saanich and bless all the campers and the camping ministry for Vancouver Island. We pray that our Council, our selection committee and all our committees may hear you and lead us to do your will.

The world

God, your compassion is over all that you have made. We ask you to help us look after your creation. We ask for relief from the forest fires.

On this Sunday when we have read about people being fed, help us to feed those who are hungry, remembering particularly the people affected by drought, hunger and conflict in Africa.

We pray for the safety of the people of Venezuela and for "free, fair, credible and peaceful" elections in Kenya. We pray for other troubled areas of the world, naming them now, silently or aloud.

PAUSE

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

On this long weekend, please, God, look after all who are travelling and all who are far from home. Please watch over Helen Wilson, in respite care in Victoria. Please protect all firefighters and all affected by the forest fires.

Those who are ill

Lord, you uphold all who are falling. Please care for all who are ill. We hold up to you Sue Lissack and Noel Armstrong. Silently or aloud, we name others whom we know who are ill.

PAUSE

Thank you, Gracious God for your compassion and mercy and for your healing touch in our lives.

Those who mourn

God, we name all those known to us who are mourning the death of loved ones.

We ask that you comfort all who mourn.

Thanksgiving

On this BC Day long weekend, we thank you, God, for our many blessings: for our families and our friends; for food to eat and to share with others. Thank you for your steadfast love.

Please join in singing The Lord's Prayer in Voices United #