

Prayers of the people for Dec. 3, 2017

Advent 1: HOPE

At the end of each petition, I will say **God of hope, let your face shine.** Please join me in saying **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, let your face shine. Hear our prayer.

God, you are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand. We thank you that you are at work in ways we cannot possibly expect or imagine. Thank you that we can trust you to give us what is best for us. Thank you for the grace you have given us and for your peace.

The church

God, we ask that you give life to your church throughout the world. We pray that you will continue to enrich and strengthen Logan, our Bishop, and our Moderator, Jordan Cantwell. In our cycles of prayer we especially ask you to stir up the people and priests of St. John the Divine, Victoria, and the congregation and minister of Cedar United Church.

We thank you, God, for all the works of service done by members of Christ Church Gabriola, especially for the behind-the-scenes jobs that we often don't even notice such as making coffee, raking leaves, changing lightbulbs, preparing the table for communion and preparing the church for worship. Thank you, God, for all the wonderful guest ministers we have had, and especially for Linda, who is leading us in worship today.

God, we ask that you keep us and all of your churches awake.

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The world

We think of all the troubled areas of the world, where people drink tears in full measure, and we bring those places before you, O God.

PAUSE

God, in these troubled places, do awesome deeds that we cannot even imagine.

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Those in need

Healing God, we pray for all those awaiting surgery or recovering from surgery and for all who are ill, including Nancy J., Diane P. and Carolyn P. We mention others known to us, silently or aloud.

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Shepherd God, please comfort and support all those who are facing times of uncertainty and transition.

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May they know that you are near, O God.

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Holy God, we remember before you those who have died and those who are mourning the death of loved ones, mentioning them now, silently or aloud. PAUSE

Shepherd God, grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care.

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Please join with me in singing the Lord's prayer on page 959 in Voices United.