

The Prayers of the People – The Holy Name – January 1, 2017

To the bidding: Lord in Your Mercy      Reply: Hear our prayer.

There is a time for everything under heaven. Let us enter the New Year by coming to God in Prayer. Send the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts. In the Name of the Word made flesh, Oh God.

God of mercy, you live in everlasting glory, and your name is eternal. We give thanks that You have revealed to us the name of Your only Son, Jesus, our Saviour, the name above every name, the only name by which we are saved, the name in which we have been baptized and at whose name every knee will bow.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the blessings of the past year. You have helped us in the past, and there is no end to your mercy. In these difficult times, protect Your church. Let Your justice and peace be known in all the world.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We pray for all God's Children, for the Rev. Randy Antle and the congregation of Powell River United Church, for St. Phillip's Anglican Church in Cedar with Susan Hermanson and William Poppy. We pray for the Grace to serve our neighbours in the name of Christ.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Bless the nations of the earth with leaders who are wise and just, with public servants who are compassionate and patient, and with citizens who are honourable and respectful. Do not let us grow weary of providing aid to the rest of the world.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Have mercy on those who are ill, lonely, tired, anxious, or despairing or are dealing with any other of life's problems. Remember them aloud or in the silence of your hearts. Lord, make your face to shine upon them.

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Merciful Lord, we pray for those who have died, for those in whose name flowers have been given in this Christmas season, and for those who mourn. Bless them and keep them, O Lord, and lift up your countenance upon them.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, as we look to the new year, we are anxious and uncertain, for we do not know what will come to us. Yet we know that you will be with us according to Your Mercy. Bless the endeavours of our congregation this year and help us to grow in wisdom in order to make wise decisions concerning our shared ministry.

Amen