

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
PENTECOSTAL SUNDAY
May 31, 2020

We start with a prayerful reflection by Keri K. Wehlander –
In each breath this day, may there be peace.
In each step this day, may there be grace.
In each word this day, may there be compassion
In each encounter this day, may God's presence be known.
Amen

Creator, in this time of Covid-19, hear our prayers.

**When I say
"Giver of Life...please respond with "Hear Our Prayers.**

With a smile, we give thanks for those of us who successfully updated their Zoom accounts, and to Hilary and to the various family members who helped. Bless those who remembered to wear red for this special Pentecostal Sunday. Blessings too to all those who participated in Zoom events this past week, and to Rev. Karen for her good work.

Giver of Life...Hear Our Prayers

Let us now pray in gratitude to all those who support us during our self isolation and self distancing. We are grateful for a stable federal government which has supported our population, shut borders to the U.S. and dealt with gun and racism issues. We have been so fortunate to have Dr. Bonnie Henry there for us in BC. Her steady measured pace around medical safeguards and opening the province up again have saved lives and given us confidence. We are grateful for the talents of Gabriola's Tina Jones, and her enthusiastic performance of "The Ballad of Bonnie Henry".

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There are so many essential workers also keeping us safe and looked after. We have a supply chain of truckers to bring us food.

Our grocery shelves are reasonably well stocked. Thank you to all those grocery workers, whose workload has increased. Thank you to all those businesses going the extra mile to keep us safe as we shop around the island. Gratitude to our ferry staff, who get us to Nanaimo and back.

And cheers to those restaurants which offer carryout meals when our own cooking gets , shall we say, repetitive.

Giver of Life...Hear Our Prayers

In the wider world Creator, we pray for all those suffering from the Coronavirus. We pray for all medical workers and those who are searching for a vaccine. We know it will not come soon, and we pray for all those who become sick as our societies open up. We fear a second wave will come and we place our hope in You to help us deal with it.

We pray for Latin America, where cases are rising dramatically. And for nursing homes with insufficient staff and equipment.

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Also in the wider world, we pray for our American neighbours, caught up in rising cases and tensions about opening up too much or too soon.

We have concerns about rising issues around racism, particularly the murders of Floyd and Arberry. Twitter's efforts to fact check are under siege. Elsewhere, Hong Kong's freedom is under a new attack by China. Creator, we are grateful to be living on this safe little island.

Giver of Life...Hear Our Prayers

We pray for those who are suffering under isolation, have insufficient income to meet the necessities of life or cannot receive the medical attention they need. May those in sorrow or in need of forgiveness receive comfort. We pray that People For A Healthy Community continues to be able to serve our needy population through donations.

**We pray for strong leadership around the world, and strong
followership. We pray for the rule of law.**

Giver of Life...Hear Our Prayers

**We pray and care for those who are recovering or grieving...please
say the names of those you are thinking of now silently or out
loud...**

Thank you, Creator for this life.

(Paddy Waymark)

Let us now say together The Lord's Prayer