

## **Prayers of the People, August 30, 2020**

Lord God, you are the father of all people and we come before you today with our prayers knowing that you will hear us, help us and guide us.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Anglican Church in Canada and throughout the world. We pray for our bishops and clergy as they provide us with their guidance and support. Make your presence known to them in all that they do.

### **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in authority, both locally and federally. May they forsake partisanship and be guided by your will to make wise decisions for the sake of the community.

### **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, today we pray for victims of fire, flood, earthquake, famine or disease; for those whom disaster has left homeless, injured or bereaved. Today our thoughts and prayers are especially with the people of the US Gulf Coast states in the wake of Hurricane Laura, the residents of California and British Columbia battling devastating fires, as well as all those still suffering the effects of this global pandemic.

### **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, we bring before you in a moment of quietness those we know or love who are ill or in special need at this time, and we name them in our hearts, remembering especially in our parish Lorraine, Tom, John and Lisa.

### **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us.

### **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Be with us Lord in the week ahead as we go out onto the world. May the lips that have sung your praises always speak the truth, may the ears which have heard your word listen

only to what is good and may our lives as well as our worship be always pleasing in your sight for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**