

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, November 18, 2018

Today, as we prepare to welcome members of the community who have shown extraordinary generosity in support of our church's restoration, we give thanks for them, for the skilled crew who have restored our sanctuary, for Bruce, Andrew, Janet and the Capital Campaign Committee, the Altar Guild, and the many people who have volunteered countless hours to this project. We pray for renewed energy and courage as we go forward, remembering always that we are here to try to be a blessing to those we meet, as they bless us. We give thanks also for our rector Clarence, who has contributed so much to the rebuilding, to our parish life, and to the whole of the Sunshine Coast.

**God in each one of us: Hear our prayer**

While forest fires are still raging in California, we pray for the fire fighters and other first responders, working in dangerous conditions trying to help those who have lost so much. While so many people in our world struggle and long for a better life, we give thanks for all who help them along the way, and pray that the leaders of the world will be given the grace and strength to help rather than hinder.

**God in each one of us: Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those we know who are sick or in need of prayers, and give thanks for their courage and example, and pray for all who care for them. Their names are found on the back page of the bulletin: We pray for Meiling Alps, Mary Gordon, Max Haugen, Luka, Marion, and Barbara Struthers. We also remember our friends who are in longterm care or who are homebound: Oscar Friesen, Evelyn Harrison, Vi LaBrosse, Marjorie Lanskail, Maria Mahar, Barbara Pearson, Beps Swanson and Eva Tweedie. You may now name anyone dear to you, either silently or aloud.

PAUSE

**God in each one of us: Hear our prayer**

Finally we give thanks for the example of Saint Hild of Whitby, a strong and courageous woman in a patriarchal society.

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Wise words of Saint Hild:

Trade with the gifts God has given you. Bend your minds to holy learning, that you may escape the fretting moth of littleness of mind that would wear out your souls. Brace your wills to action that they may not be the spoils of weak desires. Train your hearts and lips to song which gives courage to the soul. Being buffeted by trials, learn to laugh; being reprov'd, give thanks; having failed, determine to succeed. AMEN