

Prayers of the People
November 25.18

Holy One, it is with quiet, confident open hearts we come to this time and space of prayer. There are many here in this room who have, and do, feel overwhelmed with fatigue from the various individual, and collective roads we have been navigating. As we together move into the final weeks left in this year may we find the courage to be gentle with each other, with the stress fractures that are a reality.

Holy One of Love Hear our Prayer

Perhaps this journey seemed to be about the destination of being restored into this space, yet we cannot leave out the reality that the journey was its own story that was to be written in the depths of our being. We stayed present to the chaos, the unknowns, the struggles, and the hope of return and we are tired. Here in the beauty of this place, Holy One, may there be a binding up of wounds, may fractures be tenderly healed. May the radical and outrageous love of the Beloved be the perfume, the colour, the beauty and the strength that fills each one of us and this space. Even in our fatigue may we always be carriers of this love that can transform and renew. Thank you Holy One that you are a spacious and roomy God with immeasurable love for us just as we are, where we are, and on into where we are going.

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Thank you for the Rotary Club who so generously and lovingly supported us at the open house last weekend. Thank you for the Altar Guild who quietly create the beauty of our space. We are deeply grateful for Clarence and Bruce, and all who supported them in their work of restoration. We are grateful for all who work to create beauty and sanctuary in sacred spaces, offering shelter and compassion to those who come seeking it. Thank you Holy One for the picture that the names of each of us, those we love, and every human being from the beginning, are written on the palm of Your hands. No name ever has, nor ever will be left off this loving unique inscription.

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In our hands we hold the list of names of those on our prayer list, and together we speak them aloud. They are written on the last page of our bulletin.

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For all those who suffer in our world from starvation, war, injustice, homelessness, mental health issues, illness, grief, unemployment, loneliness may their voices be heard. May love find a way to bring justice and healing. May fear be exchanged for inclusion, and despair be exchanged for hope. May love and compassion be the currency we carry and may we always have it in abundance to offer to our world, to

each other and to ourselves.

Amen.