

## Prayers for August 5.18

We come with gratitude into this morning, a new day, a new week. Let us learn to welcome all those guests, the inner guests, that arrive in this new week as they come to teach us how to live with a deeper integrity. We are grateful for all of the spaces in our lives where we explore the mystery of the Holy, including this hall and the gathering groups in this community. We give thanks for summer weather and holidays that gives us the space of time with family and friends, spaces of love and laughter. May those who need spaces for healing, of solace, and room to grieve, find the safe sanctuary they need. Let the tenderness of holy love be with those that grieve the loss of life as they have known it, with the empty spaces where their loved ones were.

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Our world is full of people on the move - refugees seeking a place to shelter from the storms of war and starvation and persecution. Pilgrims and wanderers seeking transformation and purpose. Those who are homeless and jobless continue to look for shelter and income in order to survive. There are those seeking adventure and spaces of change from daily life. Here in this room we have found a home, a place to become part of a community. It is with gratitude and love we hold each other in the spaciousness of Holy Presence. Holy One may spaces of trust be built in our communities where doubts and fears, longings and hopes can find their voice. May we become sheltering hearts for each other. Thank you for all those who are working here on the reconstruction- let the Spirit of love be gentle upon them. Let this community of the Sunshine Coast be one of welcome and patience as our refugee family settles into Sechelt as their new home. Holy One, may the cries of the migrant children be heard with compassion, and may they quickly be reunited with their families. May healing and restoration come to all those who live in the painful places of separation from those they love.

May the leaders of this world, those who hold places of power, walk with integrity and compassion and care for all peoples and this earth. May they find those who can walk beside them and support them in this heavy task. May they speak of peace and dignity for all. Let injustice, racism and power struggles be broken and in its place may the Kingdom that Jesus spoke of heal our world. Together let us be a community of Kingdom hope.

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In a spirit of compassion and hope we hold up all those on our prayer list found on the last page of our bulletin. Let us together speak their names in this sacred space of Love:

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We step into this new week being open to the spaces of unknown and of possibilities.  
May the spaces of time with family and friends be filled with the fragrance of love.  
May the road be kindly to us,  
May we travel with gentleness on the earth.  
May we be calmed the presence of the Beloved  
May we continue to be open to the work of transformation  
May the wildness of the Spirit fill us with joy and set us free.

Amen