

**Prayers of the People for Sunday, March 17, 2019**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent, St. Patrick's Day**

**At the end of each prayer, I will say, "God, our light and our salvation." Please join me in saying "Hear our prayer."**

God, in this time of prayer today, please help all of us to bring to you the things that are on our hearts and minds. May we put them in your hands. **God, our light and our salvation. Hear our prayer.**

Thank you, Lord, for your words in scripture today that remind us that you love and protect us and that we do not need to be afraid. **God, our light and our salvation. Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church throughout the world. Please continue to bless the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Fred Hiltz, in these final months before his retirement. Thank you for his example and service. In this season of Lent, when clergy are especially busy, we pray for Fred and for Bishop Logan and Moderator Richard Bott. May they and all who serve you in official capacities have the time and energy to seek your face. We pray for the church of St. Luke in Victoria and their priest, Daniel Fournier; and for Deborah Murray and the congregation at Port McNeill. **God, our light and our salvation. Hear our prayer.**

We ask you to bless our own Karen, as she begins to lead us through the visioning process. Be with each one of us at Christ Church Gabriola; guide us, teach us your way, as we seek to do your will, first in a season of prayer and then in a visioning process.

**God, our light and our salvation. Hear our prayer.**

Lord, there is great trouble in the world. We pray for all who are suffering, particularly all affected by the massacres in the mosques in New Zealand. May we find ways to stand against Islamophobia. We pray for other troubled areas of the world, naming them now, silently or aloud. PAUSE **God, our light and our salvation. Hear our prayer.**

Thank you, God, for all who work to make Gabriola a good place to live. We pray for the clients and the volunteers at the Friday lunch program.

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Loving God, please be with all who are waiting – for medical tests, for test results, or for treatment. Please help us to see you in the waiting time. **God, our light and our salvation. Hear our prayer.**

We bring before you all who are ill or suffering, naming them silently or aloud. PAUSE Be for them, Lord, a shelter. **God, our light and our salvation. Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, comfort all who mourn. PAUSE **God, our light and our salvation. Hear our prayer.**

**We bring all our prayers together as we sing the Lord's Prayer, on page 959 in Voices United.**