Prayers of the People for Sunday, November 1

God who loves and cares for us, we hear your promises of a future of peace and health. And we are skeptical.

We expect things to go on the same as they have: from bad to worse.

The future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with caring for the world, for those we love, and for ourselves.

So, replace our doubt with confidence in You, as we say, **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

Oh God, we ask you to strengthen Ruthanne and Phil, Andrew and Riscylla, and everyone working to keep our parish whole during this time. Bless your Church as in the ways of unity, service, and peace. **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

Give to the leaders of all nations an awareness of the seriousness of the COVID crisis, especially as we head into winter. Give them the strength to make decisions, even when they are difficult or unpopular. **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

We pray for one another and for our families, our friends, our neighbours and ourselves. Help us to remain patient, kind, and caring. **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

Strengthen all front line workers who give their energy and skill for the healing of those sick in body or mind. This morning we remember especially Wayne, Lorraine, Dee, Alan, Cameron, John, Sabrina, Jessica & Lyla, Jaxon & Ryan, and those isolated in nursing homes. **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

And grant a peaceful end and an eternal rest to those who are dying. Comfort those who mourn them. **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

And so we pray, God, forgive our lack of faith, our belief that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow.

Strengthen our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care;

in Christ we pray. **Amen.**