

Prayers

Sept 13, 2020

We come before God and pray;

Eagerly you come searching for that which is lost, Compassionate God.

Seek out the lonely places in our hearts and fill them with the comfort of your presence.

Seek out the anxieties that weaken us,
and give us the confident trust that if we follow your way, we'll be safe.

Seek out the walls we build when we've been hurt,
walls that now separate us from others.

Break down every barrier that keeps us from reaching out
to the ones that need you, and the ones who don't know you.

You search for the victims of this life; victims of abuse, poverty, oppression,
discrimination because of their age, sexual orientation, race, level of
education, financial wealth, those who are differently-abled. Rescue them.

Rescue all who have never known freedom.
Reassure all who live with illness and disability.

Hear the prayers of all who are anxious about the Covid virus...how do we
live now? what changes, (some permanent), will I have to make? ..will my
family have to make? Some of us don't want a new life, a different life.
Help us stay strong and follow the directions.

Today we pray the Taynor family, who lost 4 of their loved ones in the
killing, in Oshawa, on Sept 4. An unbelievable tragedy, the days ahead will
be painful, especially for Loretta (wife and mother) and for Sam, who was
away at University. We ask you to bring them courage and strength in their
Grieving.

We pray for all who walk with the loss of a loved one.

Relentlessly you search for those who wander.

Be close to all who have broken ties with those who love them.

Surprise those who have given up on you.

Confront all who have become complacent and self-content in their own
world.

We lift up James Valland (bike accident),
Doreen – Norma’s sister-in-law (fell and broke her hip).
Lillian, as she grieves the loss of 2 adult sons within the space of a few
months

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Hold Noah in your love in his move back to Germany. Bring him joy and
peace. Keep music in his heart.

The destruction is far and wide from the fires burning in California.
We pray that everyone will be safe. Give courage and cool water to the
fourteen thousand firefighters.

We praise you, give you thanks, and sing for joy to the Holy Spirit.
And we say in one voice The Lord’s Prayer;

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.