

*\*\*\*When we come to the end of our Prayers, if you speak another language, and know the Lord's Prayer in that language, you are invited to say it out loud. If you know any other prayers...in Pentecost Spirit make a joyful noise unto the Lord!*

God calls us to pray without ceasing.....and so we pray;

Holy Spirit,

we are people of various backgrounds and understandings. Some of us are from the east, some of us are from the west, some of us are from the north or the south. Some of us are women or men, we are different ages; children, seniors and many ages in between.

We have different approaches, attitudes, experiences and opinions! Some of us are extroverts, some of us are introverts. There are many differences among us in our Steveston United family and community of faith.

On the Day of Pentecost people from many lands and many languages came together, and there was a miracle of understanding and unity.

Holy Spirit, visit us again on this day of Pentecost -like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers -like tongues of fire that kindle our hearts. Visit us again with love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation with energy that makes our weakness strong. We praise you, life-giving God!

Holy Spirit of Pentecost, help us listen to one another and respect one another. God of possibilities, create a miracle of understanding in our midst.

Today gratitude fills our hearts with wonder and amazement. We give you praise for all that blesses our lives each day; the air we breathe, the land and water that allows miracles to grow.

We pray today for the sick, the hungry, the tired and the lonely.

We pray for those who live with violence, oppression and those who are cast aside.

We pray for wisdom for those working on a plan to stop gun violence here in the lower mainland. Open the eyes and hearts of young adults to see that belonging to a gang isn't the answer. You are. Help us to feel deeply.

We continue to pray for India as the Covid virus seems to have no end.

Be with the countless families who have lost loved ones.

Help us to realize these loved ones are not just a 'number of deaths.'

We also pray for the families of the twelve lives that were lost to Cyclone Tauktae on the west coast of India, Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>. 150, 000 people were evacuated. Please hold this entire country in the palm of your hand as they continue to help as many people as they can, as fast as they can. We thank medical professionals from other countries who have gone there to offer their help. Please keep everyone safe as they work.

We pray for all those who are on our church family prayer list.  
We offer prayers for those who are dear to us;

- for Des and Shirley and their family, as Des undergoes surgery on Tues. (May18th)  
We pray all will go well, and we pray for comfort and healing after the surgery.
  - We pray for the family of Jose's Auntie Mitch (Philippines), as they mourn her loss from Covid. For Jose's very best friend, Jurio, who also passed away from the Covid virus.
  - We pray for Jasmine, Candace, Sophia, Kahlina. We pray they will soon feel healthy and strong.
  - We pray for all who walk in the shadow...especially in these Covid days.
- And we offer our own prayers;

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Love them, heal them.

We celebrate with Hilary Kroepelin because it's her birthday! We celebrate with all who are having birthdays, anniversaries, or other occasions. Hallelujah!  
We thank you, Holy-Spirit-Wind, alive among us.  
We pray all these things in the holy goodness of your names,  
may you come into our lives like the rush of the wind...

We say, each in our own language, the ancient prayer Jesus taught us;

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 this day, 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.

*Reminder: There are still a few 2021 offering envelope boxes in Fran's office. If you are missing yours, it might be there to be picked up. And please don't forget your offering. Our givings are very low this year. Thank you so much, Brenda*