Prayers of the People, Sept 30.18

Isaiah 65: 17-25
Mark 16: 14-18

It is with grateful hearts that we come to this time of specific prayer. We leave behind the past week with all it held for us, and we open ourselves to embracing this new week with all of the unknowns and what will be revealed. We continue this journey of life with courage to keep moving through the valleys and up the mountains.

God of love Hear our prayer

There is nowhere on earth that has not been touched by pain and suffering. There is much that is unjust in our world today, yet there is also the presence of love and compassion and those who are willing to stand up for justice and equity. Jesus life shows us how to live out the Kingdom way of living where seeking peace, walking beside those who live on the margins, sharing our lives with each other, and taking care of our environment are our calling. Sometimes this task seems hard. Sometimes life feels like climbing a mountain where the going is tough, where it is hard to breathe, where we don't feel as if we can take another step forward. This is the reminder that we all need each other.

God of love Hear our prayer

We give thanks for this community, for each person who is a part of the circle of St Hilda's. Give courage and strength to Clarence and Bruce as they lead us. It has been a long road through the reconstruction process and we are aware of how fatigue has set in. May a blessing rest upon each person involved in this process. Fill us all with love as the last part of this journey is completed.

God of love hear our prayer

Together let us name aloud those on our prayer list found at the back of our bulletin:

God of love Hear our prayer

Mountain top experiences, those places where we renew our strength and our courage and gain a wider perspective, await us in this new week. May these moments of beauty and of mystery give us courage and make our heart and our outlook more spacious. Amen