

## A Prayer for the World, May 22, 2018

God of land and sea, mountains and plains, deserts and ice caps, cities and remote regions, we come to you to pray for the world. We name before you places and people in need of your care.

We pray about the volcanic action in Hawaii which is displacing people, threatening homes and infrastructure and cause grave worry. Give wisdom to government officials and those they consult with.

We pray about the heat wave in Pakistan and the rising death toll in Karachi. We grieve with those who have lost loved ones. We hold up before you those who seek to help people get cool. Give calm to parents seeking to care for infants and young children who are particularly vulnerable.

We pray about the forest fires in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. We remember those who are being evacuated and pray for the communities that will be welcoming the evacuees. We thank you for the courage of fire-fighters.

We pray for the teams responding to the Ebola outbreak in Congo Democratic Republic. We pray that the vaccine will be effective. We are humbled by the courage of medical teams. Bring calm and comfort to many who are on edge with worry and grief.

We pray about the political instability in Venezuela. We pray for integrity and stability to grow, so that people can find employment and afford food.

We pray that the steps towards peace taken on the Korean Peninsula would continue. Break through the egos, the words, and the actions that have jeopardized the steps towards reconciliation and hope, so that families can reconnect.

We pray for Iran and its relationship with the rest of the world. Give wisdom to leaders on all sides that reconciliation might overcome estrangement and trust replace distrust.

For these and other places in the world, we pray. Let your glory be seen, O God, let your glory be seen.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the coming ruler of all things. Amen.

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