



A Prayer in the week of Jan. 11, 2018

God of all nations and peoples, we thank you for Haiti, for El Salvador, for Africa. Bless these and all the nations of the world, we pray.

In creativity and artistry you formed these lands, making them beautiful, creating natural wonders. You guide the peoples of these lands, who with skill and ability steward the resources of the land, raise their children and grandchildren, celebrate the beauty of where they live, and seek to do good.

God, who loves the migrant, we have been enriched by people from Haiti, El Salvador, and Africa, along with people from other countries, coming to Canada, to our communities, to become our neighbours. Teach us to be hospitable and open to those who come to Canada from other lands.

God, who invites humanity to patterns of sharing, we thank you for the opportunities to share that exist between us and people of other countries around the world. We celebrate the sharing that has taken place between Canada and Haiti, between Canada and El Salvador, between Canada and the people of Africa. We thank you for the ways we have benefited from these relationships of mutual sharing.

God of the church, we thank you for our sisters and brothers in the faith who live in other countries. We rejoice that one quarter of all the Christians in the world live in Africa, and that the church there continues to grow. We rejoice at the courage and perseverance of our sisters and brothers in the faith who live in Haiti and El Salvador. We thank you for Christian sisters and brothers around the world.

We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who calls all people. Amen.

—*The Rev. Peter Bush, moderator of the 2017 (143rd) General Assembly*