Quinquagesima

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany (Transfiguration)

REAL GOD. Father God, you call each of us into service; apostles, prophets, teachers, healers and you have gifted us appropriately for the work you have called us to. Within those roles you encourage us to recognize the needs of others and to share what we have, putting our whole trust in you. Save us from our own conceit and pride in service. The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. Help us to glorify your Holy Name as we serve as we have been called.

REAL CHURCH

National and local leadership, we pray for

- The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most. Rev. Justin Welby •
- Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most. Rev. Linda Nicholls •
- National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Bishop Susan Johnson •
- National Indigenous Archbishop, The Most. Rev. Chris Harper •
- Bishop of Rupert's Land, The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft
- Bishop of the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod, Bishop Jason Zinko
- Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, The Most. Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson
- Bishop of Central Buganda, The Rt. Rev. Michael Lubowa,

Anglican Communion worldwide, The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

ACC The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

ELCIC The Dean, Council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and Greater Toronto Areas East and West of the Eastern Synod

The Counsel of the North: The Diocese of Quebec

Diocese of Rupert's Land – Our Congregations and Communities, especially the clergy and people of:

Pinawa Christian Fellowship - The Rev. Elizabeth Brasier, Incumbent;

Epiphany Indigenous Anglican Church – The Rev. Vincent Solomon, Priest; The Rev. Deacon Tanis Kolisnyk, Honorary Deacon Assistant

Lord Jesus Christ, uphold and protect your priests and ministers and all whom you have called to Christian leadership. As they lead the faithful in the truth of your word, bless them and give them hearts to love and serve you alone.

At St. Aidan's – We lift up the work of staff and volunteers who are preparing for our Annual Meeting. Encourage them as they write reports, plan logistics and fellowship, and prepare in other ways. We ask your continued blessing on the Canonical Committee, charged with the responsibility of locating and interviewing our new pastor. Please make your will known to them through prayer and discernment. Speak to the person you have chosen and encourage them to apply. Continue to bless Pastor Merv and Sue with good health, wisdom and grace as they shepherd us for the interim period.

REAL LIVES – We pray for all those with living with loss. In places remote from our city, in Ukraine, Gaza, Yemen, and others, people have lost loved ones, homes, livelihoods. Father grant them peace; peace in the real sense of the here and now, a cessation of violence, and Your peace, which passes all understanding.

In our city, speak into the hearts of all of us, and show us what we can do, through you, to help curb the violence, poverty and hopelessness. It is only with you and through you that real change will happen.

We pray for your healing to those living with loss of opportunity or ability, which is often accompanied with a loss of hope. Lord, You are our hope. Bring your peace, your comfort and your hope to all of us and especially to those for whom our prayers are desired.

MISSIONS

St Aidan's Christian School

We pray for all the students. In particular, may their attendance improve so that all may graduate in the proper time. May the parents understand the importance of their education and be a part of the solution to improve their attendance.

We also pray for the teaching staff. That they will be able to continue at the school next year. We lift Carla the Principal and all the administrators. May they be filled with your wisdom for all the tough decisions and situations they face. We also pray that the new pastor at Calvary Temple finds favor with the school and is willing to grant more space for the growing need.

We pray for those in hospital, PCHs and home-bound

We remember Barbara, Bill, Carol, David and Kathy, Elizabeth, Harold, Joy, Kathy, Madeline, Margaret, Pam, Pearl, Sue and others you may have on your hearts at this time.

We lift up to you all those on our prayer chain and those caring for them.

You have the power to heal our bodies, minds and spirits, Father, and we call on you to do so, in your perfect will and your perfect time.

We remember and give thanks for all recently departed in Christ and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. Lord, grant all who have lost loved ones, your comfort and your peace as they celebrate lives lived by faith in You.

We offer these prayers, In the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, with confidence, trusting that you hear our requests and grant them in your wisdom and mercy, knowing what is best for us.

Lord in your mercy.