Prayers of the People 16 July 2023

**REAL GOD** May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into us the life He gives. May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make us joyful in service to the Lord. May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentacost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon us and remain with is always. AMEN

## **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
- Bishop of Central Buganda, The Rt. Rev. Michael Lubowa The Parish of St. Peter, Lubaale The Rev. Henry Mukalula Seguuj, Rector

Anglican Communion worldwide, The Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia

**ACC** The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Calgary

**ELCIC** The assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

The Counsel of the North: Diocese of Saskatchewan

**Diocese of Rupert's Land –** Our Congregations and Communities, especially the clergy and people of: St. Mary Magdalene – The Rev. Val From, Incumbent and The Rev. Canon Bryan Bjerring, Honorary 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 – Father, as we anxiously await the return of Pastor Dave and Elaine, we pray that during their time away you have provided much rest, refreshment and healing. We bless and thank you for the gift that they are to us. Thank you for the wisdom and strength with which you have blessed our staff and volunteers in this time of waiting. We lift up our cottagers and those who are travelling on vacations. Lord grant them your safety and continued blessings.

**REAL LIVES** – Father, we mourn with you at the condition of our natural world. We pray for rain for areas in Canada and elsewhere that are in flames. Encourage world leaders to heed the call for action to combat all global climate disasters. We pray your comfort and mercy for those who have lost sisters, wives, mothers and daughters from our communities. Create in us a spirit of urgency and genuine care to seek solutions. We pray for the souls of those lost.

#### **MISSIONS St Aidan's School**

Father, we pray for staffing needs in the Fall. We ask you to take full control of the planned for upcoming renovations; keep all workers safe. We offer our Praise to you that the enrollment is looking very positive. We thank you for the Leaf Rapids team, we pray that they have felt your presence in their work and in the lives of the residents of Leaf Rapids. May they have a quick recovery upon their return.

#### We pray for those who are ill and in need

We pray for those known to your alone, Lord. May they be comforted by your presence in their lives. We pray for all those on our prayer list.

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

We remember Andrew, Barbara, Elizabeth, Harold, Kathy, Laird, Donna, Sue, David, Kathy, Joy, Margaret, Justin, Carol, Bill, Pearl, Geoff, Pam and Neville and others you may have on your hearts at this time.

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

# We remember and give thanks for all recently departed in Christ and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. Lord, grant them peace.

We offer you Lord, these prayers, 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,

Hear our prayer.