

REAL GOD. Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find Him.

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 Church of North India (United)

Central Buganda, The Parish of Kifampa

ACC The people of the Anglican Church of Canada

ELCIC The people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The Counsel of the North: Diocese of Athabasca

Diocese of Rupert's Land – The People of the Parishes of the Diocese of Rupert's Land

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, we lift up to you our music ministry, those who sing, play and lead with musical gifts. Lord, many times we hear Your Word from scripture attached to a beautiful melody and we are touched by Your Holy Spirit in a new and wonderful way. Bless all who prepare to lead our Christmas worship in Nine Lessons and Carols and all the services of Advent and Christmas. May they be Blessed and annointed by and through the power of Your Holy Spirit.

REAL LIVES – Father God, at this time of year we await the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who we think of as the Prince of Peace. As at many other times, Lord, the world is not at peace; many find differences between themselves and others to be too great. Violence is more the norm than diplomacy. People desperate for change use weapons rather than reason. Father, we know that you did not cause this to happen; our sinful natures did. Intervene, we beseech you into areas of conflict; Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Syria, Sudan and on college and university campuses in North America. Inspire and encourage all people to come together and make true peace.

MISSIONS

Manitoba Youth Centre

We pray for all the youth who are currently residing at the Manitoba Youth Centre. May your peace rule in their hearts despite their circumstances. Surround them with your mercy and love, and fill all of the empty places of their hearts, minds and bodies with your goodness. May your Word provide comfort during stormy situations and may you protect them from all harm. We ask that you work in and through the St. Aidan's team, as they visit the centre this afternoon.

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 Laird 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 remembering especially our brother Neville, 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.