

Prayers of the People

1st September 2024

REAL GOD

Almighty God, we thank you for your unfailing love and mercy. In your great compassion for us, you walk with us through our difficulties and sorrows, and you celebrate with us during our joys and triumphs. Guide us always to share what we have received from your hand in loving service to others. May we always point the way to Jesus in all that we do in your holy name.

REAL CHURCH

We Pray for all people who hold positions of leadership in the Anglican Church of Canada and in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. We pray for our leaders locally, nationally, and internationally, that they would remain faithful to your calling and to their vow of safeguarding the Gospel that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. 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.

- **Anglican Communion Worldwide:** The Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- **ACC:** All the Theological Colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights
- **ELCIC:** For the Season of Creation which continues in the month ahead and a renewed commitment to a healthy relationship with the Earth
- **Council of the North:** The Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh
- **Rupert's Land:** All our congregations, communities and clergy

REAL LIVES

At St. Aidan's, we give you thanks for the safe and refreshing summer enjoyed by all our clergy, leadership, and staff. We thank you for a summer of rest and revitalization for our congregation. As we begin preparations for a new season, we ask you to fill us with your Holy Spirit as we seek to know and worship you with a deeper understanding. Bless those who lead and teach us: our priests, and all our preachers, and those involved in Sunday School and Youth. We thank you for the ongoing Wednesday prayer sessions and the Thursday prayer zoom calls as we seek your will for our next Senior Pastor.

We continue to lift up the people of Israel and Gaza who are engaged their deadly and divisive struggle, and the people of Ukraine as they continue to fight for their very existence against an evil regime. We pray for the people who, as a result of these

conflicts, have lost loved ones and friends, who may be refugees in foreign lands, or who are homeless and in urgent need of food, shelter and medical care. We ask that you would raise up wise and caring leaders who lean on you for all that they and their communities need and bring about an end to the hostilities.

And we lift up those affected by the outbreak and continuing spread of mpox, that your hand would stop its progress and bring about healing and restoration to those affected.

Missions

We pray for St Aidan's Christian School, that all staffing needs will be met; that parents will embrace the importance of their children attending regularly, and that God's truth and love will be taught and received this school year.

We pray for Pastor Abbey in Leaf Rapids, that you would bless his ministry to the people there, especially in his difficult dual role of pastor and social worker. We pray that You would clear all bureaucratic barriers to his family coming to Canada from Nigeria.

We pray for those who are in hospital, or PCHs, or who may be home-bound:

We remember Barbara, Bill, Brent, Carol, David, Deb, Diana, Elizabeth, Harold, Joy, Ken, Laird, Margaret, Pam, Pastor Indy, Pearl, Ruth, Sue, Terry and Tracy. We'll also take a moment to remember those who we may have on our hearts at this time.

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

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

Heavenly Father, when we lose beloved members of our family, whether people or pets, the grief is deep and real. We thank you for the time we had with them, and the memories we will always cherish in our hearts. We especially pray for the Mendis family and ask your comfort to surround and sustain them at this time.

We offer these prayers with confidence, trusting that you hear our requests and grant them according to your wisdom and mercy, knowing what is best for us.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.