

Prayers of the People, Sunday April 14, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Real God

We praise you, O Lord, that your Son, Jesus Christ summons us to new life, to follow Him with joy and gladness. By your Holy Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair and set our feet on Christ's holy path, that our lives may be signs of His risen life and that we may all reflect His love for His people. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving be to you, our God, forever and ever.

Real Church,

We Pray for all persons 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.

- **Anglican Communion World Wide:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia
- **ACC:** The clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma
- **ELCIC:** The congregations of the Southern Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod
- **Council of the North:** Diocese of the Arctic
- **Rupert's Land:** All our congregations and Communities

Real Lives

St. Aidan's: We pray that you create light and joy in our midst. Change is difficult, but we humbly acknowledge that you are in control of every aspect of our church life, and that you are guiding us through this time of transition and waiting as we continue the process of looking for a new Incumbent. We pray for unity and peace within our church family. We ask for an extra portion of wisdom, strength and patience to Corporation, Ministry Hubs, Staff and Volunteers, but especially to Bishop Geoff and the Canonical Committee.

We pray for the countless people around the world who are suffering the hardships of war, oppression and persecution. We lift to you the people of Gaza, Ukraine, and Haiti who have suffered the loss of life, loved ones and livelihoods. We pray for your peace, mercy and compassion shine the light of your love into these dark places.

Mission:

We pray for your guidance, wisdom, strength, and perseverance for Pastor Abbey as he continues being both Pastor and youth worker in Leaf Rapids, as well as peace and clarity about his future in his current role at the church in Thompson. We look for a

breakthrough in the immigration process for his family, whom he misses very much, to join him here in Canada.

In all things Lord, your will be done.

We pray for those who are in hospital, personal care homes or who are home-bound:

Barbara, Bill, Carol, David and Kathy, Deb, Elizabeth, Harold, Joy, Madeline, Margaret, Pam, Pearl, Ruth, and Sue. Lord, we also quietly speak the names of others who are on our hearts today. We lift up to you all those on our prayer chain and those caring for them.

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 to you 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.