Prayers of the People August 16, 2026

REAL GOD. Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of salvation through your Son Jesus Christ. In our faithlessness and in following our own ways, we are unworthy of your mercy, as we stumble in the paths of our own making. Thank you for your unfailing love, compassion and mercy as your Holy Spirit guides our hearts and lives, transforming us to be more like your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

REAL CHURCH
We pray for all those whom You have called to leadership in the Worldwide Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and the Moravian Church in Canada, including all their bishops, priests and ministers. May they all be faithful to the proclamation of the gospel and, in so doing, be salt and light to the communities they serve.

Anglican Communion Worldwide: We pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania
ACC: The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton
ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories
Council of the North: The Diocese of Saskatchewan
Ruperts Land: Our clergy, congregations and communities

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 a growing understanding of your Word, bless them and give them hearts to love and serve you alone.

At St. Aidan's, we give thanks for the leadership of Revs Kim and Susan Salo, as we search for a new Rector. We give You thanks for the service of Revs Merv Lanctot and Jamie Howison, and our Wardens, staff, and Hub and Ministry Leaders. Strengthen and bless them in their walk with You, and in their faithful ministry among us.

Protect and guide the Canonical Committee as they continue their work on the Parish Profile which will serve as our call for a new Rector.

In Missions, we continue to pray for the Vacation Bible School which starts this week. We ask that You would fill all the parish volunteers and the Child Evangelism Fellowship workers with Your joy and wisdom as they prepare to receive and nurture the children You call to this VBS. Prompt the parents to recognize that their children need to meet You. We ask You to bring children from the neighbourhood and their friends to learn about our Saviour Jesus. In the growing emptiness of spiritual life in

our culture, Lord, we ask that this VBS would be a means of filling in these deep gaps and bring glory to You.

REAL LIVES

We pray for the whole world. When storms of conflict, war, sickness, and all the darkness wrought by sin surround us, we declare that Christ has overcome the world. He has defeated sin and death. He alone is our refuge and strength

We pray for the leaders of the nations. Grant to them wisdom and guidance to keep their citizens safe from the extreme heatwaves in throughout the world, and the many wildfires in Europe, the US and here in Canada.

We pray for the leaders of countries involved in conflict and war, who make difficult and costly decisions, grant them wisdom and a true desire for peace, and the well-being of all people.

We pray for those in hospital, PCHs and home-bound, and for those we are blessed to have with us and who, nonetheless, are in need of our prayers.

We remember: Al, Barbara, Carol, Cathy, Charlotte, Deb, Diana, Elizabeth, Harold, Joan, Joy, June, Kath, Ken, Len, Margaret, Merle, Pam, Pamela, Ruth, Sarah, Sue, and Tracy.

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, heavenly Father, and we humbly ask you to do so, in your perfect will and your perfect time.

We remember and give thanks for all those recently departed in Christ or whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

At this time, let us take a moment to lift up to the Lord our loved ones whose needs and concerns are known to us, and on whom we desire the Lord to have compassion and mercy for their healing according to His great love and wisdom.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.