

Prayers of the People

19th May 2024, Pentecost Sunday

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 Anglican Church of Canada
- **ACC:** The people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa
- **ELCIC:** The congregations and clergy of the Saskatchewan Synod
- **Council of the North:** Diocese of Moosonee
- **Rupert's Land:** The congregations and clergy of St. Stephen and St. Bede
- **Central Buganda:** St. Paul Galatiya and St. John's Bujjo Parishes

REAL LIVES

At St. Aidan's, Lord, we lift up Rev Merv and Susan to you as they enjoy a little time away. We ask for safety for them in their travels and your refreshment as they visit with family and friends. 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 thank you for the continued learning taking place in the Discipleship Explored course on Tuesday evenings. We ask for your grace and wisdom for the table leaders as they facilitate the discussions, for Revs. Merv and Chris as they guide the program, and for the attendees as they dive deeper into the meaning of being a disciple of Christ.

We continue to lift up the people of Israel and Gaza who are engaged their deadly struggle, and the people of Ukraine as they continue to fight for their very existence against an evil regime. We pray for those 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 in your mercy, you would bring an end to these wars and establish an enduring peace in these troubled places.

Missions

We pray for our upcoming Mission Week (June 2-9). We ask your blessing on all the preparations needed for a successful week, where all the speakers and the events bring glory and honour to your name. We pray for your boldness to invite people who may not know you yet, but whom you may be calling into a new relationship of hope and salvation. May they all find their Saviour in Jesus Christ.

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

We remember Barbara, Bill, Carol, David and Kathy, Elizabeth, Harold, Joy, Madeline, Margaret, Pam, Pearl, Sue, Ruth, and Deborah. 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.

Lord, you have the power to heal our bodies, minds and spirits, 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 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.

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.