

Prayers of the People

20th October 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 Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
- **ACC:** The Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster
- **ELCIC:** The Dean, Council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod
- **Council of the North:** The Archdeaconry of Labrador in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador
- **Rupert's Land:** All our congregations, communities, and their clergy

REAL LIVES

We give you thanks for the blessing you have given us through your faithful provision for all our needs. Through your grace and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you have provided new youth leaders, supported and encouraged through prayer and practical help. You have called your faithful to service as prayers on prayer teams and prayer chains. We ask You to bless our Sunday school teachers, who are eager to share your Gospel story and grow children in the knowledge and love of Jesus. You grace us with fellowship hosts who fill our tables to overflowing and spark lively conversations after our worship services. And Father, we put our trust and hope in you to provide for our leadership needs at St. Aidan's. We wait upon your decision for our new rector, because we know that You Lord, are in control.

We continue to lift up the people of Israel, Gaza and Lebanon who are engaged in an increasingly 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 to 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.

Missions

We pray for St Aidan's Christian School

- Pray that all staffing needs will be met.
- Pray that parents will embrace the importance of their children attending regularly.
- Pray that God's truth and love will be taught, and that it will be received by all the children.

We pray for those who are in hospital, or Personal Care Homes, or who may be home-bound: We remember Barbara, Bill, Brent, Carol, David, Deb, Diana, Elizabeth, Eun Young, Harold, John, Joy, Kath, Ken, Margaret, Pam, Pearl, Sue, Terry, Tracy and Pastor Indy.

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

You are the great physician, the healer. The Name of Jesus is greater by far than any cancer or other illnesses, diseases and afflictions. Heal those for whom we pray Father.

We remember and give thanks for all those recently departed in Christ and whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. We especially pray for Debbie Hall's family as they mourn the recent passing of her father, Marvin Derksen. 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.