## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE March 20, 2022

**Real God** Heavenly Father, You have the whole world in your hands and in your heart. We thank you for your infinite care for us over the past two difficult years, and we trust you for the days and weeks ahead. As we move into a time of renewal and continuing transformation, may our love and trust grow deeper that those around us see more and more of you in us.

**Real Church** We pray for Linda, our Primate, ELCIC Bishop Susan, Bishop Geoff, Metropolitan Greg, Archbishop Mark, and Bishop Michael; For La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

<u>Bishop</u> Mary Irwin-Gibson, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal; The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba – NW

Montreal; The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba – NW Ontario Synod in the ELCIC, and in the ACC/ELCIC The elimination of racial discrimination, by grace

Bless all Lay Readers and Lay Administrants in our Diocese

At St Aidan's, we thank you from our deep hearts that you have gathered us to worship you together again. Keep us from anxiety about other outbreaks; you will do this because you know all things from the beginning. Thank you as we learn together that trusting and obeying you brings great blessing; for the teaching we are receiving about how to be Your church. Thank you for the safe return of Pastor Dave and Elaine. We pray for them as they look forward to being grandparents, for Hannah and Richard as they await their first child.

Missions: We pray for St Aidan's Christian School, especially that more families enroll their children in the fall; for current families to send their registration forms for next school year, to continue to enroll their children at St. Aidan's. Please encourage them to continue to support. We pray for the health and welfare of teachers, staff, administration, students and their families. May You whisper to the students about their behaviour, especially when they go through a rough time. We lift up the administrative team in planning for next year, and their planning for the annual fund-raising project.

**Real Lives:** Lord, we look with continuing dismay at what is happening in Ukraine, and the complex tangle of international relationships. Lord, send your angel armies into this crisis. Be close to families forced into separation, for women and children fleeing, for the men staying to fight. Give President

Zelensky your wisdom and courage in leading the people of Ukraine and draw him to yourself. Thank you for countries welcoming the many refugees into their havens.

And we pray for Russia, for those who do not want war, for those forced into fighting this war, and for the one who began the war. Please build up believers in both countries who entrust themselves to you and who pray.

We pray for those separated from us, in hospital, PCHs, or homebound. Help them to know they are family and not forgotten:

Kathy and David, Pam, Elizabeth, Margaret, Cath, Enid, Joy, Carol and Herb, Pam and Neville, Bill, Dorothy and Harold We remember to you those whose anniversaries of death are at this time.