

Prayers of the People

29th September 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 Church of Pakistan
- **ACC:** Bishop, and clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia
- **ELCIC:** The Dean, Council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod
- **Council of the North:** The Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh
- **Rupert's Land:** Our Congregations and Communities especially the clergy and people of: St. Michael and All Angels, Winnipeg – The Rev. Lauren Schoeck, Incumbent; The Rev. Matthew Bowman, The Rev. Jamie Howison, The Rev. Brian Rountree, Honorary Assistants; St. Michael, Grosse Isle; St. Michael, Victoria Beach – The Rev. Deacon Joan Merton, Honorary Assistant Deacon

REAL LIVES

At St. Aidan's, we give you thanks for the safe and refreshing summer enjoyed by all our clergy, leadership, and staff. We thank you for a summer of rest and revitalization for our congregation. As we begin preparations for a new season, we ask you to fill us with your Holy Spirit as we seek to know and worship you with a deeper understanding. Bless those who lead and teach us: our priests, and all our preachers, and those involved in Sunday School and Youth. We thank you for the ongoing Wednesday prayer services and the Thursday prayer zoom calls as we seek your will for our next Senior Pastor.

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

Praying for those who are currently involved with Mission work around the world:

- Jamie and Gwen and their ministry with Operation Mobilization in Austria
- Joy Ngozi and the evangelistic ministry she is involved with in Nigeria
- Sharyn Thomson and her work with Wycliffe Bible translation

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, Marvin, 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. 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.