

Prayers of the People – Sunday, May 16, 2021

Real God

Father, thank you for your care for us during this pandemic. Help us to bear up under these restrictions so we can return to fellowship together. Thank you that you are sure as the dawn and that you will come to us as the rain (Hosea 6:3). Refresh us and fill us with your love and power, prompt us to continue to strive to know you and to seek you in everything.

Real Church

National and local leadership:

- the National Indigenous Archbishop, **Mark MacDonald**
- our Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, **Greg Kerr-Wilson** the Council of the North
- the Bishop of our Companion Diocese, **Michael Lubowa**

Thank you for their work in your kingdom, bless them with your grace and wisdom.

Anglican Communion world-wide:

We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Church of Korea

ACC for Bishop Michael Oulton, the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ontario

ELCIC for Bishop Syd Haugen, people, and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod

Diocese of Rupert's Land

our congregations and communities:

- the people of the Parish Church of the Ascension, Stonewall – The Ven. James Bardsley, Incumbent and their companion parish of St. Apolo Kivebulaaya, Kiwawu, the Rev. Stephen Ssekamatte, Rector
- all Indigenous Peoples working towards ordination, and for those helping and teaching them

St. Aidan's:

Thank you for Father for our mission's ministry. We pray for Chris Barnes, that you will bless him with grace and enthusiasm for this work. As he prepares to focus on our Mission week, we ask for creativity for this as we are in a pandemic and how we might affectively be witnesses of your love to those who don't yet know you.

Real Lives

We remember our fellow Christians in China today Lord, for those who have gone missing and are imprisoned. May you fill them with grace and your powerful love. Comfort their families, we ask that your hope will shine in their lives Father.

As our schools go to remote learning again, we know how difficult this is for teachers, students & parents. Protect our teachers from exhaustion, discouragement and the stress of this. We ask for patience for our moms & dads as they adjust to the new home routine. For the students to still find social connection with friends in a safe way. We ask for you to provide all they need to make it through this rough patch. Especially Lord, please protect all those children who might now be at home full time with abusive or uncaring family. Send your angels to guard each one. For the young demographic where suicide is a real possibility and is happening, rescue them with 'your powerful right hand' before it is too late.

Missions: We pray for Naomi House...

We pray for Lucy and her search for employment as she seeks to take the next step in her journey here in Canada. We also pray for the continued protection of her family. We pray for wisdom for the Naomi House team as they make decisions for the future regarding how to proceed with operations during this time of increased restrictions. We also lift up in prayer Pastor Indy who is still in Burma and unable to come home. Lord, protect him and work through him in this fragile time.

Ill and in need:

For those ill and in need. We pray especially for our rector's warden, Merle, and for Roshawn to regain full health. Let's pause to pray for those you know who are ill and in need.

For those in hospital, PCH, and home-bound, including those who are in a closed facility: Kathy and David Baird, Luella Hamel, Dorothy and Harold Bell, Kathy Edwards, Joy and John Wood, Betsy Boulter, Margaret and John Labdon, Barbara Slater, David Hatch, Enid Whalley, Herb and Carol Schon, Elizabeth Kemp, Bill Bundy.

For those whose loved ones died this week, and for families of those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time of year. Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.