

Prayers of the People
For September 5, 2021

REAL GOD

Lord our God, you reign over us and all of creation. You give us free will to choose and have given us many gifts and talents. By the power of your Holy Spirit, guide us to choose to not squander those gifts but to use them to bring Glory to you; to spread the good news of the Gospel to win hearts for you, so that all will know that You are the one true God.

REAL CHURCH

National and local leadership

- Our Primate, Linda Nicholls, Metropolitan Greg Kerr-Wilson, and Bishop Geoff Woodcroft
- National ELCIC Bishop, Susan Johnson
- the National Indigenous Archbishop, Mark MacDonald

St. Aidan's

- we praise you for the gift of our Prayer Chain and those who regularly remember and petition for the needs of our parish family and those known to us. You have said that when two or three gather together in your name you will hear their requests. We put our trust in you.
- We give you thanks for our Vestry members who, though unable to serve in public until recently, have worked behind the scenes making contact and offering prayer and practical support to those in need.

REAL LIVES

Thank you, Lord, for our children. We ask you to prepare them mentally, physically and spiritually for a return to school. Cause their hearts to be eager for learning and fellowship, not anxious about Covid-19. Help us as parents and grandparents to do all we can to protect them from harm. We know they are in your tender care.

We continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan and for their safety. We especially pray for Farhad and Yasamin as they continue their efforts on behalf of family members who remain in Afghanistan and in whose efforts they work to secure their entry into Canada. We pray for a speedy resolution for the situation and for the peace that only You can give to Farhad and Yasamin.

Missions – Naomi House

Father we give you thanks that Lucy, our sponsored resident at Naomi House has found suitable accommodations and will be leaving Naomi House.

We pray for this mission whose mandate is changing to support the efforts to relocate refugees from Afghanistan while this pressing need exists. We pray for Candace the new liaison person for the refugee program that she is able to place people and support their transition to new life in Canada.

For those ill and in need.

Heal and restore all on our prayer lists, Lord. We pray especially those known to us and for those known to you alone. Today we ask you healing upon (names). To you, with confidence, we pray for them.

**For those in hospital, PCH's and home bound
(names)**

For those whose loved ones have died, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.
(Names)

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayers.