

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter    April 21,2024**

**Real God** Holy God, grace us to keep Your name holy in all we say, think and do. Grace us to desire to be holy, set apart for Your purposes while living in this fractured, hurting world that carries glimpses of Your beauty. Grace us to spread Your good news so that Your name will be made holy among those who don't know You and whom You love: the least chosen, the poorest, the most bereft. And that includes us.

**Real Church** Holy Lord, we lift up to you the leaders of the ACC and ELCIC, asking that you keep these Your ministers in the boundaries of Your will and truth.

We pray for The Anglican Church of Australia; in the ACC -- The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the Diocese of Huron; in ELCIC -- congregations of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod; the Council of the North: Diocese of the Arctic

In Rupertsland, we pray for the Church of the Good Shepherd; for parishes named after St George in: Transcona, Crescentwood, Wakefield, Westbourne; for parishes in central Buganda.

At St Aidan's we pray for Your chosen pastor by Your grace, power and the Holy Spirit. We thank You for Rev Merv, Pastor Chris, Rev Kim and Rev Susan, for our lay preachers, thanking You for the richness of teaching and faithful, sacrificial presence; give us the grace to apply what we learn from them. Bind us together in Your love as the Body of Christ.

We pray for our Sunday school, the teachers and volunteers, the children who are learning Your truth. We lift up our youth, especially those who will soon be graduating, that they would always follow Your way, live by Your truth, and remain in Your life.

*Missions:* We pray for your guidance, wisdom, strength, and perseverance for Pastor Abbey as he continues being both Pastor and youth worker in Leaf Rapids, as well as peace and clarity about his future in his current role at the church in Thompson. We look for a breakthrough in the immigration process for his family, whom he misses very much, to join him here in Canada. In all things Lord, your will be done.

**Real Lives** Holy Lord, we remember to You all those who suffer from famine and war in the Middle East, Haiti, Sudan and the very real war with Iran. Yours is the way of peace; stop with Your powerful right hand those leaders whose minds are set on war. May Your faithful ones who minister in places of darkness bring Your peace, hope and healing, and keep them safe. We believe and trust that You work in ways we can't imagine.

We pray for those on our hearts who need Your love and mercy.

We lift up those in personal care homes, hospital or homebound – Barbara, Bill, Carol, Cath, David and Kathy, Deb, Elizabeth, Harold, Joy, Madeline, Margaret, Pam, Pearl, Ruth, Sue

We thank You for the lives of those who have loved You and now rest with You. We remember to you Doug MacEwan, Jamie's father, and the family as they mourn his passing.

Thank you, mighty Lord God, for hearing these petitions.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers.