

Prayers of the People

March 12 Third Sunday of Lent

Real God Mighty God, without You we have no good thing, apart from You we can do nothing. Recalling this truth, we commit ourselves anew to You in prayer and Your Word. Give us a fresh anointing of Your Holy Spirit to open our eyes, ears and hearts, Triune God, for in You alone do we find all we need to live Your real life.

Real Church We pray for Bishops Linda Nicholls and Susan Johnson ; Indigenous Archbishop Sidney Black; Bishops Geoffrey Woodcroft and Jason Zinko; Metropolitan Greg Kerr-Wilson; Bishop Michael Lubowa.

We pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion in its current divisiveness.

St Aidan's: We thank you for such generosity in the donations for Feed Our Sheep. Inspire us by Your Spirit to use the gifts You have given to each person here in the many ministries needing help and support. We thank You for the Hope Explored course, and we thank You for those faithfully preparing for, leading and attending each evening.

We continue to lift our youth to you. Help us recognize and be thankful for their gifts, that we may wisely mentor, advise, encourage and love where You direct. Keep us from generational divisions; we need each other, Lord. We pray for their parents, for their wisdom, faith and trust in You to keep these maturing young people on Your perfect way.

We pray for Pastor Dave, anticipating Your Spirit's work in him, and eventually in us, on his return.

Missions: We pray for the less fortunate in the city. Heavenly Father, we lift up all in our city that do not have shelter and daily bread. We think especially of all of those that we met on the streets last Sunday. Father, multiply what they have and speak to their hearts. We ask that you encourage and equip us here at St. Aidan's to fulfill our role in providing for the less fortunate in our community and city.

Real Lives We pray for those suffering from extreme weather conditions, earthquakes, or other climate changes; for those suffering from war, that You continue to rescue bodies and souls and bless those who labour in this task.

We pray for those who are ill or in any kind of need and whom You know and love dearly. Let's pause to name them quietly or aloud.

And we pray for those in hospital, PCHs or homebound: Allan, Andrew, Barbara, Carol, David, Elizabeth, Harold, Joy, Kathy, Laird, Margaret, Neville and Pam.

We give thanks for those recently departed in Christ, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. These prayers we offer in thanksgiving, knowing You have heard, and will answer. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers.