

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
February 18, 2024 First Sunday in Lent

Real God Holy Lord God, in You alone is our hope, our peace, our very existence. Grow us into You as Your church, gracing us to do away with all sources of disunity, discord and division that dishonour You, our great and sovereign Lord. Humble us under Your mighty hand as we look to You for true life as Your beloved Body.

Real Church • Archbishop Justin Welby • Bishop Linda Nicholls • Bishop Susan Johnson • Indigenous Archbishop Chris Harper • Bishop Geoffrey Woodcroft • Bishop Jason Zinko • Metropolitan Greg Kerr-Wilson • Bishop Michael Lubowa

The Episcopal Church of Sudan

The bishop, clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton; The Dean, Council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod

The Council of the North: The Diocese of Quebec

We pray for the congregations and clergy of Ruperts Land.

At St Aidan's: We pray for the ongoing search for our new incumbent. Grant Bishop Geoff Your wisdom and discernment as he receives the applications, that his choice is truly Your choice. We thank you for the wise pastoring of Rev. Merv, and ask You would bless him and Susan with grace upon grace in this interim and beyond.

We bring before You the AGM next Sunday. Move us to attend as Your Body. Increase in us the awareness that we are members of one another, each with gifts and responsibilities towards one another. Bring us to seriously seek You in all decisions.

Real Lives Missions: We lift up Joy Ngozi and her mission work in Nigeria. We pray that enough people will join in this work to provide the support that is needed. May many souls be won and delivered from the slavery of the enemy. May the Holy Spirit empower and protect all of those on the team and provide all they need.

Lord, along with our Diocese, we pray for an end to human trafficking and slavery, especially as practiced in our own city. We ask for freedom and justice for all victims, praying for the International Justice Mission and the Joy Smith Foundation. Bless them as they, through and with You, work to set the captives free.

We bring before You those suffering from war in too many places around the world. Leaders as yet have not recognized You as the Prince of Peace; may this happen, in Your time and in Your way, as we await Your return.

We pray for those who cannot be with us: Barbara, Bill, Carol, David and Kathy, Deb, Elizabeth, Harold, Joy, Kathy, Margaret, Pam, Pearl. We pray for Madeline and Sue, and quietly speak the names of others on our hearts.

We pray for Bryan in Vancouver, suffering from late-stage colon cancer. Grant the medical staff Your wisdom and give strength and assurance of Your love to Karin at this difficult time.

We thank You for all those recently departed in Christ, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. Comfort those who grieve and assure them of Your near Presence.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.