

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

20 August, 2023 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Real God Holy Lord God, You made us for Yourself that we may praise and worship You with all our hearts. Bring us ever closer to You, that in knowing You, we may perfectly love you, praise Your name in unity of heart, mind and life, and recognize the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may share His life with those who are lost.

Real Church In the Anglican Communion: the Church of England
ACC: Bishop Michael Hawkins, Bishop Adam Halkett, Suffragan; clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan
ELCIC: Dean, Council and congregations of SW Area of Alberta and Territories Synod Council of the North;
Rupertsland: Clergy and people of St Helen, Fairford: Rev Steven Fairford and Hon.Deacon Cathie Clow.

St Aidan's: We give You thanks for the ordination of Rev. Deacon Chris Barnes on Tuesday evening. Continue to guide and bless him greatly as Your priest. Thank You for his exemplary faith and love for You, and for all he does among us to exalt Your Name. In his work at St Andrew's, may that congregation come to know You as he radiates Your love and compassion with those who do not as yet know You as Saviour and Lord.

Missions: In **Leaf Rapids**, we pray for those impacted with the two house fires and two suicides. We pray for the teenage boys (ages 12 and 15) responsible for setting the fires. Please be with Pastor Abbey as he deals with the stress and is feeling burned out. Yet in the midst of these tragic events, we praise You, Lord God, for all the work You are doing in the hearts and lives of the people in Leaf.

Real Lives Lord God, we remember to you those grimly affected by the fires in Maui; especially with the terrible numbers of people not yet found. Please give the assurance of Your protection as rescuers and provisions are sent. May those who have lost loved ones find their comfort and strength in You in the midst of their grief.

We pray for Ukraine as the war seems without end. Please comfort the mothers and children who have left husbands and parents behind, and who are struggling here and in other places. Where we can help, Lord, please indicate so that we may be obedient to You to care for those in need.

We pray for Christian teachers in the public school system, confronted with a part of the curriculum that promotes a way of life that is so far from Yours. We pray for students, asking that You would put a hedge around their minds and hearts, that they would find Your truth. Help parents to guide them into Your truth despite erosion of their authority.

We remember to you those on our hearts, and those known only to You.

We pray for our church family who are in personal care homes, hospital, or homebound: Barbara, Carol, Elizabeth, Kathy and David, Kathy, Bill, Pam and Neville, Pearl, Margaret,

We remember those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

In Your holy Name, we pray with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers.