

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

Real God We praise You, Holy Trinity beyond our understanding and yet so near to us. We praise You, loving Father, that Jesus, Your beloved Son, came in obedience and love to rescue us from sin. We praise You that Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to guide, counsel, and comfort us, reminding us that we bear Your Holy name. Help us to so live in the power of Your name that others may see You in us and turn to You in repentance.

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

- for the Church of the Province of Uganda;
- the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron; In ELCIC, the congregations of Western Manitoba, Manitoba- Northwestern Ontario Synod;
- the parishes of St. Philip in Scanterbury and Rev. Vincent Solomon, and St Philip in Hodgson;
- in Central Buganda, The Parish of St. John, Nawango – Ordinand Eric Lwanga

At St Aidan's, we thank you for the vision that Pastor Dave shared last Tuesday and the challenge You set before us. Make us listening servants as You reveal Your will to us in the coming days, and joyful doers of what You have planned for us. We would be faithful to You in the challenges ahead.

Missions: We thank You for the visit to the MB Youth Centre last Sunday, sharing that You are the only source of life and hope for these troubled young ones, lost and hopeless. Bless each member of the team as they and we continue to pray and seek Your will for this ministry.

We pray for all the youth who are currently residing at the Manitoba Youth Center. May your peace rule in their hearts despite their circumstances. Surround them with your mercy and love, and fill all of the empty places of their hearts and minds with your goodness. May your Word provide comfort during stormy situations and may you protect them from all harm.

We bring to You next Sunday's "Feed Your Sheep" for those in the city core where life is so hard for so many. Use us as You reveal Yourself as life-giving Bread, the one who loves them without end, and their only hope.

Real Lives Lord, protect those who are most vulnerable in all societies – the very young, the very old, the sick and disabled. We pray against the increasing use of euthanasia and weep with You that Canada is in the forefront of this evil practice.

We pray for Christ followers in India, under great pressure to become Hindu; in Myanmar, for those imprisoned for their faith; for the faithful suffering of Your people in the Middle East and Asia, and for the western nations where faith is dwindling. Raise us up as faithful members of Your Body to stand firm, to pray and fast for the strength of Your church, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for our St Aidan's family in hospital, PCHs or homebound:

Andrew, Barbara, Carol David Elizabeth, Harold, Joy, Justin, Kathy, Laird, Margaret, Neville and Pam, Pearl.

We thank You for those recently departed in Christ, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayers.