

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**Second Sunday of Epiphany January 14, 2024**

**Real God** Holy Lord God, this is for many of us a time of grieving as Pastor Dave is gone, and please help us to grieve. Thank You for the appointment of Rev Merv in Your divine timing and plan. Bless him and Susan richly in this interim. Give grace and wisdom to all involved in choosing the next incumbent.

We seek Your face, Lord, because apart from You we have no good thing. Even this morning, God our treasure, we seek Your face.

**Real Church** Church of the Province of South East Asia

In ACC, Bishops Linda and Geoff; Metropolitan Greg and the Indigenous Bishop.

*Council of the North:* The Diocese of Brandon

*Rupert's Land:* St. Peter, Dynevor, Rev. Vincent Solomon; St. Peter, Winnipeg, Rev. Susan Smandych; Canon Mary Holmen, St. Peter and St. Matthew; Peguis, Rev. Jane Barter

*St Aidan's:* We pray for Rev Merv and the staff of our church, that transition carries Your peace and blessing to us all. Keep us diligent in maintaining unity of heart and spirit as we adjust to changes and unknowns. Keep us faithful in prayer and remind us often to encourage the leadership and one another. Thank You the Parish Profile draft is complete; give Vestry Your gift of discernment as they review the document.

*Missions:* We pray for all the students at St Aidan's Christian School, that their attendance improves so that all may graduate at the proper time. Lord, help the parents understand the importance of their children's education, and be part of the solution to improve their attendance. We pray for the teaching staff, that they will be able to continue at the school next year. We lift up Carla, the principal, and the administration. May they be filled with your wisdom for all the tough decisions and situations they face. We ask that the new pastor at Calvary Temple finds favor with the school and is willing to grant more space for the growing need.

**Real Lives** Thank You, Lord, for Elaine's sharing last Sunday of their real lives. Be with Pastor Dave in England as he visits with his family. We pray for the Newcomers' Lunch; by Your grace may fellowship grow into true loving unity. We praise You for all who come through our doors and ask Your special blessing on the greeters. We pray all involved in the film would sense Your peace and holy Presence.

We pray Your strong presence into the real lives of those in hospital, personal care homes or the homebound, and bring before You: Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Carol, David and Kathy, Deb, Elizabeth, Harold, Joy, Kathy, Laird, Margaret, Pam, Pearl, Sue.

We give thanks for those departed in Christ and remember Margaret Burch. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayers. Amen.