Prayers of the People
April 26th, 2026 Real Lives Service
4th Sunday of Easter
"Strangers in a Strange Land" Rev. Kim Salo

Real God

Holy Shepherd, You know Your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by Your voice, so that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in Your house, where we celebrate with You forever.

Real Church

Good Shepherd, show us the place of Peace; lead us to the good grass that will nourish us; call us by name so that we, Your sheep, hear Your voice, and by Your speech give us eternal life. Answer us, You whom our souls love.

We pray for the church Universal, all those who were once gone astray but who have now turned to You, our Shepherd.

In the Anglican Communion of Canada, we pray for our Primate, the Most Reverend Shane Parker, and for our national Indigenous Archbishop, the Most Reverend Chris Harper.

We pray also for the Metropolitan of the Province of the Northern Lights, the Most Reverend Greg Kerr-Wilson.

In the diocese of Rupertsland, we pray for our Bishop, the Right Reverend Naboth Manzongo, and for Iain Luke, Executive Archdeacon. May they be filled with the Spirit of Wisdom, and be strong and courageous as they work in the service of Your Kingdom.

We give you thanks for the self-giving service of so many in our parish; equip and strengthen for ministry Revs. Kim and Susan, our wardens and Vestry, our treasurer, all those who lead and serve on our Hubs, our small group leaders, our church staff, our Sunday school leaders, and greeters, our sidespeople, the altar guild, our musicians, our prayer and hospitality teams. Give them satisfaction and joy in serving You.

Father, lead more families and children to Your House here at St. Aidan's. Jesus took children into His arms, laid His hands on them and blessed them, saying, "Let the children come to me, do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs." Father, fill St Aidan's again with the beautiful sound of children's voices!

Let us take a few minutes now to be still and listen for a Word from God for St. Aidan's. If you believe that God has given you a word, image or Scripture for the community, please rise and speak loudly and clearly so that all may hear what God has to say to the Church.

Pause

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

Real Lives

We pray for all who hold positions of leadership in government in Canada and around the world. Father, may many leaders come to a saving knowledge of You and work for order, justice and the well-being of all.

We pray those in our city, in our country and in all nations who give of their time, energy and gifts to the sharing of the Gospel, and in serving those suffering the effects of illness, poverty, injustice. Bless the work of their hands and multiply the effectiveness of all that is done in Love and for Love's sake.

Lord God of Hosts, we look to You in confidence to come to the aid of Christians facing persecution for Your sake, especially believers in Nigeria, Syria, China and India. May Your Holy Spirit provide supernatural knowledge and protection, encouragement and resolve in the trials they face.

Lord, continue to raise up intercessors who prioritize and persevere in prayer. As Your people respond in obedience to the call to 'pray without ceasing,' may we see more of Your power, more transformed lives and, ultimately, more of You.

We pray for those on our prayer chain, their families, and caregivers as well as all those who are homebound, in personal care homes, or in hospital: Barbara, Bernie, Carol, Charlotte, Deb, Diana, Elizabeth, Harold, Joan, John, Joy, June, Kath, Ken M, Ken N, Len, Margaret, Merle, Pam, Pamela, Rob, Ruth, Sarah, Sue, and Tracy.

We remember and give thanks for those recently departed in Christ, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

Pause

Life is difficult. But our God loves us and, in Christ, He always with us. His mercies for us are new every morning. He is our Helper and He promises to carry us through our lives. Let us take a few minutes to ask God to help us with the difficulties we face or are known to us now.

Lord in your Mercy.
Hear our Prayer.