

Prayers of the People, Sunday December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent

Real God

Father in Heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts who seek him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him.

Real Church

We pray for

- The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby
- Primate Linda Nicholls and Bishop Susan Johnson and their office staff; National Indigenous Archbishop Chris Harper; Bishops Geoffrey Woodcroft and Bishop Jason Zinko; Metropolitan Greg Kerr-Wilson; Bishop Michael Lubowa.
- The Church of Pakistan
- **ACC** The Council of General Synod
- **ELCIC** The members of National Church Council
- **Council of the North** Diocese of Athabasca Rupert's Land
- **Ruperts Land** All those mourning the loss of loved ones this Christmas season

Real Lives

We pray that you create light and joy in our midst at St. Aidan's. Change is hard, but we humbly accept the knowledge that you are in control of every aspect of our church life, and that you've got this and us right now. We pray for unity and peace amongst our church family. Give extra strength to Corporation, Hubs, Staff and Volunteers through this advent time of waiting. We praise you Lord for Merv and Sue Lanctot as they prepare to minister to us in the new year.

Missions

We pray for Naomi House: for the staff and residents of this refugee ministry; for Aiman and his recent move out of our sponsored room; for Aiman's family and for them to be able to visit him; and for the new refugee family of four that have arrived at Naomi House.

We pray for those in hospital, in PCHs or who may be home-bound:

We remember Barbara, Bill, Carol, David and Kathy, Elizabeth, Harold, Joy, Kathy, Madeline, Margaret, Pam, Pearl, Sue, Laird and others you may have on your hearts at this time.

We lift up to you all those on our prayer chain and those caring for them.

You have the power to heal our bodies, minds and spirits, Father, and we ask you to do so, in your perfect will and your perfect time.

We remember and give thanks for all recently departed in Christ, remembering especially our brother Neville, as well as those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. Lord, grant all who have lost loved ones, your comfort and your peace as they celebrate lives lived by faith in You.

We offer these prayers, In the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, with confidence, trusting that you hear our requests and grant them in your wisdom and mercy, knowing what is best for us.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.