PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE February 20, 2022

Real God: Heavenly Father, you never forget us or turn away from us even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave His life for us, cured those who were sick, cared for those who were poor and cried with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us how to forgive each other. For all your love, we give you thanks. We open our hearts to Him, and we remember how He died and rose again to live now in us.

Real Church: We pray for our primate Linda, ELCIC bishop Susan; Bishop Geoff and Synodical Bishop, Jason; Indigenous Archbishop Mark; Metropolitan, Greg; the Council of the North; and Bishop Michael of our companion Diocese. We pray too for an end to human trafficking and slavery

ACC: We pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. We also pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton.

ELCIC: We pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod.

Diocese of Rupert's Land: We pray for all our congregations and communities. We also pray for the clergy of Kanziira Parish in the Diocese of Central Buganda.

St Aidan's: We pray for the upcoming AGM. Be with our Corporation, leaders and staff. Thank you for the privilege of being a part of this church. Attend with our Small Groups and leaders as they pivot again to start meeting together, to learn to become more welcoming to our church and, ultimately, to draw closer to you.

Real Lives: We thank you Lord for the revision of travel restrictions in a week's time. Give us discernment to be careful and respectful as we start to visit neighbouring provinces and countries again. We thank you for your help in ending the border blockades and pray that Canadians will take steps towards healing the divisions that the pandemic has caused.

Missions: At Naomi House, Heavenly Father; we pray for all 88 pending sponsorships that Naomi House is currently helping with. We ask for your help to remove any barriers that are impeding these applications; especially the individuals who are fleeing severe persecution. May you prepare Naomi House to welcome and receive those whom you have chosen to stay at their ministry home. May you also prepare us at St. Aidan's to properly welcome and care for the individual(s) that will move into the St. Aidan's room.

For those who are in hospital, PCH's or are homebound: we pray that they would know that wherever they may be, they are one with us; Pam and Neville, Kathy, Barbara, Bill, Carol and Herb, David and Kathy, Margaret, Joy, Pam, Enid, Elizabeth.

We pray for those whose loved ones have died, and for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.

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