Prayer of the People Feb 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

REAL GOD

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to overcome our sins with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten disciplines and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen

REAL CHURCH

We pray for the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and the Moravian Church in Canada, including all their bishops, priests and ministers.

We pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador; and for the Diocese of Quebec.

Rupert's Land: We pray for our many congregations and communities

St Aidan's: We give you thanks for all our staff and all ministry and HUB leaders as they seamlessly move to fill in the gaps while Rev Reumu is on sick leave. Bless Jeff Hall and all those who are preparing for the Annual General Meeting.

Mission: Lord Jesus, we are so mindful of Your blessings of freedom in our lives, because of what You have done. But we remember those who in many areas of the world are not free, through indentured slavery, trafficking, abductions, all victims of injustice. So we thank You for the work of International Justice Mission; bless and strengthen the social workers, lawyers and judges who seek to free others from physical, social and spiritual imprisonment. You indeed set captives free; You have done that for us. In thanksgiving, we pray for those aided by IJM, that they may find their true freedom in following You.

At this time, let us take a moment to be silent so that we might hear if the Lord has a word for St Aidan's this morning. If you believe that you have received a Scripture verse, word, or vision that God intends to be shared with the church, please stand up and speak loudly and clearly so that all may hear what God has to say to His people.

REAL LIVES

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those in the world who are suffering from conflict, oppression, persecution, hatred, war or trafficking. We pray for those who are suffering from illness, disease and famine. We pray for those suffering from homelessness, poverty and marginalization. Lord, we ask for your supernatural

intervention to bring peace where there is conflict; health where there is illness; and abundance where there is need.

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: Abraham, Barbara, Carol, Charlotte, Deb, Diana, Elizabeth, Harold, Joan, Joy, June, Kath, Ken M, Ken N, Len, Margaret, Merle, Pam, 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. We pray especially for the families of Billy Bundy, Tim Dyck, Pat MacBeath, Bryan Rivers, and Mavis Whicker. Lord, grant them all healing and Christ's peace during this difficult time.

Lord, as we have interceded on behalf of others, we confess that we all have our struggles and challenges as well, and so we take a moment to place all our cares and worries before you, our Heavenly Father. We seek your presence, your mercy, your comfort and your guidance.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer