PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE March 6, 2022

Please kneel or sit as we join our hearts in prayer.

Real God:

Thank you, Father, that you are HERE with us this morning. Not only here but you also live in us – it's actually more than that, you dwell in us! Our bodies are the dwelling place of Holy Spirit. Keep us mindful to treat ourselves and each other with the respect that deserves.

Thank for your mercy. It is the virtue of forgiveness and mercy flows out of your goodness, and especially your goodness to us! King David prays: 'out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me." Keep our hearts attentive to the myriad of mercies you pour into our lives.

In our parish family, we ask for your tender care and blessing on those who are home makers, stay at home moms, house keepers, and caregivers of all age groups. These are sometimes unsung heroes. We ask that you fill them to the brim with strength, energy & passion.

Please abundantly bless Dave & Elaine as they travel this week. Protect them from worry, from harm & from any kind of interruption of their holiday. Bless them with a joyous time together, hopefully warmer temperatures & great places to eat. Restore their physical, mental, emotional & spiritual resources Father.

Real Lives:

Oh Lord, we pray for mercy for what has transpired in the Ukraine. We ask for your intervention in this, we ask that you keep vulnerable citizens: the handicapped, the elderly, the mentally challenged, women and children safe. That they will survive the heartbreak of having fathers & sons return or stay to fight for their nation. Spare the men's lives please. We pray for the two Ukrainian Army chaplains that have been captured by the Russians. May they be comforted by you, but also be your love & light where they are. Thank you for the brave Russian citizens who are out protesting this war. We know that there are evil rulers and dark principalities behind this. We want to be obedient to you in praying for our enemies. So, we ask Father, for your incredible mercy & conviction to pierce President Putin's heart. There is no darkness you cannot penetrate, no heart so hard that you cannot soften. We ask that he respond to the world's cries about this evil and that the sanctions imposed on Russia will give him pause. Holy Spirit, cause him to be aware of his need of you, unaware that you died for him as much as for us.

Missions:

St Aidan's Christian School

- 1. Pray for more families to enroll at St. Aidan's in the fall.
- 2. Pray for our current families to submit their registration forms for next school year- for them to continue to support and enroll their children at St. Aidan's.
- 3. Please pray for the health and welfare of each teacher, staff, students and their families.

- 4. Please pray for student behaviors, especially those who are going through some tough time.
- 5. Please pray for the administrative team as we plan for next school year and prepare for our fund-raising project.

For those who are in our Parish family who are home bound, in hospital or in PCH's

Kathy, Dorothy & Harold, Barbara, Enid, Elizabeth, David & Kathy, Joy, Margaret, Herb & Carol & Bill, Pam & especially Neville.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.