

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May 22, 2022

### Real God:

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose faithfulness never fails and whose mercies are new every day; may the guidance of your Holy Spirit renew our lives, calm our hearts and give light to our thoughts; that we may live every day in joyful obedience to you, and in firm faith in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Real Church:

#### **National and Local Church Leadership:**

- our Primate, **Linda** Nicholls and National ELCIC Bishop, Susan Johnson
- our Diocesan Bishop, **Geoffrey** Woodcroft and MNO Synodical Bishop, **Jason** Zinko • the Interim National Indigenous Bishop, **Sidney** Black
- our Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, **Greg** Kerr-Wilson • the Council of the North
- the Bishop of our Companion Diocese, **Michael Lubowa**

Pray for the Province of Southeast Asia

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Michael Bird, Assisting Bishop and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa

**ELCIC:** The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan

**Diocese of Rupert's Land:** The people of the Parish of St. Stephen/St. Bede, The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still, incumbent, and their companion parish of St. Paul, Galatiya, The Rev. Paul Nangagala, incumbent.

**St. Aidan's:** Thank you for our brothers and sisters who work in the teaching professions, teachers professors, instructors, educational assistants, and coaches. We ask that you especially shower them with your love and care, lighten their loads please Father. Empower them with your wisdom and patience. Refresh them and give them great compassion and strength to shine your light and love in their daily work.

### Real Lives:

We pray for your unfailing love, grace and mercy for people in the midst of conflict around the world. For the war being fought in Ukraine, for the people of Afghanistan being oppressed by the Taliban, for the drug wars in south America and for the civil war being waged in Yemen. Have mercy on them heavenly Father, and help us to be peacekeepers within our own small spheres.

**Missions:**

Heavenly Father, we ask that you prepare our hearts and the hearts of others for what you have planned for the upcoming Mission Week, starting May 29th. May we have the hearts of loving servants so that your light will shine brightly through us into the community where you have placed us. We ask you to open the hearts of the people in that community to receive the gifts you freely offer.

And for those whom you have placed on our hearts to pray for as part of our “Thy Kingdom Come” program, we ask that you would prepare them to receive the hope of salvation through Jesus Christ. We all know people who have not yet chosen you. We pray that through our prayers for them and your everlasting love and mercy, their hearts will be moved.

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

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

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

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