

## **Prayers of the People: Sunday December 22, 2024**

**Real God:** When all things in silence lay and the night was in the midst of her course, your Word leapt down from your royal throne, oh God, So we rejoice and give you praise that your word may live in us and that we may glorify you forever.

**Real Church:** We Pray for Acting Primate Anne Germond. Bishop Susan Johnson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, National Indigenous Archbishop: Chris Harper. Bishop of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario Synod: Jason Zinko and Metropolitan of the Province of Northern Lights: Greg Kerr-Wilson.

- **Anglican Worldwide** The Anglican Church of the Province of Uganda Council of the North & Diocese of Athabasca
- **ACC** The staff of Indigenous Ministries; The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples and Dawn, the Indigenous Justice Animator
- **ELCIC** Carmen, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and Peter, the Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship
- The Rev. Melissa, President of the Eastern District Executive Board of the Moravian Church
- **Ruperts land** Bishop Geoff and in his absence the Administrator of the Diocese, Simon

**Real Lives:** We pray for the people who experience poverty, homelessness and food & healthcare insecurity, no matter their location here in our neighbourhoods or on the other side of the world. We pray that you end their strife and bring peace to the world.

**St Aidan's:** We pray for travelling mercies as people find their way to be with family and loved ones this Christmas. Lord, we pray especially for those persons who may find this time of year, isolating, traumatic or depressing. Lord cradle them in your loving arms. God, be in the preparations for Christmas eve services. Be with Chris, Les, Jyoti and all the staff/volunteers and give them rest and peace.

**Mission:** We pray for Joy Ngozi as she ministers in Nigeria. Lord may their recent mission leadership training equip and encourage Joy and her fellow

missionaries for the work that you have put before them. May you protect them in their village outreach later this month and may you prepare the hearts of all those who will hear about your truth and love. May you be received into the hearts of many through their faithful ministry.

We pray for those in hospital, Personal Care Homes and for those who are home-bound. Specifically, we pray for: Barbara, Bill, Brent, Carol, David, Deb, Diana, Elizabeth, Eun Young, Harold, John, Joy, Kath, Ken, Margaret, Pam, Pastor Indy, Pearl, Sue, Tracy and for Helen, who has just been moved to Palliative care.

Let's take a moment to offer up the names of any others that the Lord has placed on our hearts in this Advent Season. [Pause and wait....]

We remember and give thanks for all recently departed in Christ and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. We especially remember Madeline Blanchard and Terry Smith.

Lord, grant all who have lost loved ones, your comfort and your peace as they celebrate lives lived by faith in You.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**