

Prayers of the People – March 7, 2021

Real God:

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Real Church:

In the Church worldwide, continue to stand guard over the Gospel of Truth. In the Anglican Communion worldwide, we pray for L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. In the ACC we pray for, our Primate, Linda Nicholls and National ELCIC Bishop, Susan Johnson; our Diocesan Bishop, Geoffrey Woodcroft and MNO Synodical Bishop, Jason Zinko; the National Indigenous Bishop, Mark MacDonald; the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, Greg Kerr-Wilson; the Council of the North; and the Bishop of our Companion Diocese, Michael Lubowa.

In our own Diocese we pray for all our congregations and communities including in particular the people of St. Chad, and their incumbent Rev. Elaine Sauer.

At St Aidan's: We thank You for Your presence and faithfulness among us. Provide wisdom and perseverance to our leadership as they creatively find ways to sustain our community of Faith. May all our hearts be humble, determined to be an encouragement to them, and to each other in this difficult time of isolation.

Real Lives:

Heavenly Father,
On this 3rd Sunday of Lent, we take to heart the Apostle Paul's exhortation to Timothy when he urged that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, so that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

And so this day we offer our prayers of thanksgiving and intercession:
For the health workers tending the seriously ill
for the supermarket workers and the many others whose jobs place them in harm's way
for the internet and telephones and technology that connects us to one another
for those in the 'most at risk to coronavirus' categories
for those immune suppressed or those living with compromised health
for those watching their entire income stream dry up
for those who are more lonely than they've ever been
for those who are bereaved and grieving.
for the good news stories of recoveries and effective planning
for the vaccination and the protection that it provides against the Covid Virus
for the recognition that isolation doesn't need to mean loneliness

for the many saints who offer help and support to those in need
for the adversity of this Pandemic that helps us to turn to You and to know with
certainty that You Lord are our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in
times of trouble

And raise up your Church, our Church St. Aidan's:

-to be your well-washed hands and faithful feet

-to be present to the pain

-to respond with love in action

-if even from a safe distance.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Missions: Naomi House

Praise the Lord that the new resident from Syria found a new job at an auto-body shop last week. Pray for God's guidance in selecting the right people to fill the vacant rooms and God's wisdom to be able to direct some to more suitable places if Naomi House isn't the right place. Pray for God's provision for Lucy, her family, and for her work permit to arrive quickly.

For those ill and in need. We pray especially for... Pause to pray for those you know who are ill and in need. We thank you for all who have been isolating due to the pandemic and pray you will grant continued protection.

For those in hospital, PCH, and home-bound, including those who are self-isolating:

Ellen Spencer, Kathy and David Baird, Luella Hamel, Dorothy and Harold Bell, Kathy Edwards, Joy and John Wood, Betsy Boulter, Margaret and John Labdon, Barbara Slater, David Hatch, Enid Whalley, Herb and Carol Schon, Elizabeth Kemp, Bill Bundy.

Silent Contemplation:

We give thanks for those recently departed in Christ & whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.