Real God:

Thank you, Father, for another Sunday to come of our own free will to worship you in freedom and joy! Thank you that our faith or belief in you gives us salvation, sets us on a path of freedom and eternity with you. It is out of your unfailing love that blood was shed for us. Help us and inspire us to live loved.

In our Local, National, and International Leadership

Province of the Episcopal church of Sudan

The Most Rev. Anne Germond and staff of the primate's office Bishop Susan Johnson

The Rev. David E. Bennett

In our local diocese we pray for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones during this Advent & Christmas season.

St. Aidan's

Thank you for our hard-working staff, our wardens & others in leadership. We trust that you will give each of them all the energy & enthusiasm that is needed for all the events and ministry coming up. Protect them from overextending themselves. Help us as parishioners to be encouraging to them, to offer our help where needed and for all of us to be gracious to one another during times of stress.

Real Lives:

For all the celebratory-ness of Christmas we remember those who live in countries who are at war. We pray for truces and cease-fires to occur. Your hand is not too short, nor your power limited for these situations. We pray Holy Spirit that you will cover this beautiful planet earth with incredible peace and quiet this season. We long to

see your miraculous love shine in places of deep darkness and set us free.

Missions:

Lord, we pray for all the residents at Naomi House. We praise you for the unity that exists among the residents and staff. We pray that you send your two chosen residents to the two rooms that are vacant at this time. May you provide the wisdom needed for the staff to walk alongside the residents to navigate all of their difficulties.

We pray for those in hospital, PCHs and home-bound, and for those we are blessed to have with us and who, nonetheless, need our prayers.

Barbara, Bill, Brent, Carol, David, Deb, Diana, Elizabeth, Eun Young, Harold, John, Joy, Kath, Ken, Madeline, Margaret, Pam, Pastor Indy, Pearl, Sue, Terry and Tracy.

We remember and give thanks for all recently departed in Christ and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. Lord, grant all who have lost loved ones, your comfort and your peace as they celebrate lives lived by faith in You.

We offer these prayers, with confidence, trusting that you hear our requests and grant them in your wisdom and mercy, knowing what is best for us.

Lord in your mercy.