

Prayers of the People 2 June 2024

In the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN

REAL GOD. Lord, we do not know what this day may bring, but each moment is in your hands and we offer it to you in advance. Nothing that will happen or be said today can separate us from you. Let us rest assured in that peace.

REAL CHURCH

Today we remember and pray for all bishops, priests and deacons in the Anglican and Lutheran worshipping communities, and all whom you have called to leadership in your church. We remember and uphold Primate Justin, Bishops Linda, Susan, Chris, Geoffrey, Jason, Greg and Michael.

In the Anglican Communion worldwide, we pray for *Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*

ACC The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario:

Canterbury College, Huron University College, Renison College, the Anglican Studies Program at Saint Paul University, Thorneloe University, Trinity College, Wycliffe College

ELCIC Luther College at the University of Regina and Luther College—High School

The Counsel of the North: Diocese of Yukon

Diocese of Rupert's Land: All our Congregations and Communities

Lord Jesus Christ, uphold and protect your priests and ministers and all whom you have called to Christian leadership. As they lead the faithful in the truth of your Word, bless them and give them hearts to love and serve you alone.

At St. Aidan's – Today we pray for all of our families. We celebrate with those achieving completion in educational studies; those graduating high school, college and university. We pray for them as they choose their next path whatever that may be. Holy Spirit guide their choices and actions. We pray for rest and re-creation for those travelling by land, sea and air. We place a hedge of protection in You Lord for travelling mercies. Bless all with warm sunshine and warmer friendships through your gift of grace and mercy.

REAL LIVES – Father, the world is yours, you created everything in it and we are so grateful for the relative peace and prosperity we experience in Canada. Even here and in countries nearby, we are experiencing tensions and divisions. Lord, we pray you to speak into the hearts of all who are angry and engender a spirit of thoughtful discussion and positive resolution. Guard and protect those who are living in life-threatening situations of physical war and fighting. We hold up to you the peoples of Gaza, Israel, Yemen, Ukraine. You Lord are the provider of miracles and we pray fervently that you forgive us all for squabbling and reign Your Peace into the world.

MISSIONS

We pray for our upcoming Mission Week (June 2-9). We ask your blessing on all the preparations needed for a successful week, where all the speakers and the events bring glory and honour to your

name. We pray for your boldness to invite people who may not know you yet, but whom you may be calling into a new relationship of hope and salvation. May they all find their Saviour in Jesus Christ.

We pray for those in hospital, PCHs and home-bound

We remember Barbara, Bill, Carol, David and Kathy, Elizabeth, Harold, Joy, Madeline, Margaret, Pam, Pearl, Sue, Ruth, Deborah and Brent Thomson who has been recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and who is undergoing treatment.

We lift up to you all those on our prayer chain and those caring for them.

You have the power to heal our bodies, minds and spirits, Father, and we call on you to do so, in your perfect will and your perfect time.

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.