

SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2021 – EPIPHANY 4

With gratitude for the gift of Christ, let us draw near to our heavenly Father in prayer for the Church, the world, and all who need his loving-kindness. Each petition will end with the words “Loving God” and you are invited to respond with “We pray to you”.

[pause]

Holy God, thank you for bold prophets, faithful teachers, gentle caretakers, and ordinary saints who serve you by mentoring, guiding, healing, and challenging us. Give us grace to go and do likewise.

Loving God

“We pray to you.”

We pray for the leaders of nations; for all who lead in cities and towns; especially we pray for the leaders of this city of Orillia and for our community organizations who serve those most in need.

Loving God

“We pray to you.”

Raise up in your church leaders to faithfully speak your Word with boldness, clarity, and charity. In our Anglican and Lutheran cycle of prayer, we pray for The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. The dean, council, and congregations of the Ottawa, Ottawa Valley and Seaway Areas of the Eastern Synod. Give its members hearts that listen with faith, obedience, and gladness.

Loving God

“We pray to you.”

We ask your blessings upon this congregation, so that in all we say and do, we proclaim the strong saving love of Christ. In our parish prayer cycle we pray for Sandy Donald; Michael and Jen Donald, Zoe and Piper; Janet Doolittle; Dale Dougall. Strengthen our families, and make them into havens of safety, grace, and forgiveness.

Loving God

“We pray to you.”

Grant healing, strength, comfort and hope to all who are wounded in body, mind, or heart – especially we pray for: George Anderson and family; Nathan and his family; Jim Fee and family; Cathy O’Connor and her companion Ekko; Joseph Signorella and family; Pat & Gary Grayson; Catherine King; and for those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts **[pause]**. Restore them to wholeness and to the company of all who love them; and fill them with the blessed peace of your Holy Spirit.

Loving God

“We pray to you.”

Holy Lord, we give you thanks for the covenant made with us in the waters of baptism. We give you thanks for those who have gone before us **[pause]**. Keep us steadfast in faith that we too will one day enter into your glorious Sabbath rest.

Loving God

“We pray to you.”

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.