



First Friday Prayer Meditation & Calendar – November 2017

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. I Thessalonians 5: 16-18 ESV

Welcome to our November 2017 first Friday Prayer Meditation and Calendar. You will notice a change in format as we seek to improve our monthly prayer mailings to you by combining the Call to Prayer and Calendar into one monthly email and by removing redundancies where they occurred. Please let us know what you think!

<p>We urge you to set aside the first Friday, November 3rd, as a day to pray and fast for our diocese (ANiC), the Anglican Church of North America, and the Anglican Communion worldwide. We live in an age of immense pressure against the Gospel. It is critical that we unite together in prayer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Notable Prayer Quotes</p> <p><i>“Whether we like it or not, asking is the rule of the Kingdom. If you may have everything by asking in His Name, and nothing without asking, I beg you to see how absolutely vital prayer is.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">C. H. Spurgeon (1834 – 1892)</p>
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Thank You for Praying for Synod

On behalf of Bishop Charlie Masters and the rest of the leadership of the Anglican Network in Canada, let me express sincerest thanks for your wonderful prayer support during our 10th annual Diocesan Synod held in Burlington last week. The fact that there was a host of God’s people interceding on our behalf was very evident throughout the four days of synod. Allow me to share just a few highlights:

Bishop Charlie was the principle Bible teacher and he led us through our synod theme passage from 2 Timothy 2: 8-10:

*“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am **suffering, bound with chains** as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything **for the sake of the elect**, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus **with eternal glory.**”* 2 Timothy 2:8-10
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Numerous times we were exhorted to “Remember Jesus” and the Gospel of Grace that Jesus attained for us by his death on the cross. Bishop Charlie, with his deep love for this last letter of Paul’s and his identification with this apostle’s profound affection for his young protégé, Timothy, unpacked these amazing verses in four sessions: 1) The Gospel; 2) For the Sake of the Elect; 3) Suffering and the Cost of Discipleship; 4) With Eternal Glory.

Other highlights included our Workshop Day where, in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, valuable teaching was presented on the Five Solas – Sola Scriptura (by Scripture alone), Sola Fide (by faith alone), Sola Gratia (by grace alone), Solo Christo (through Christ alone) and Soli Deo gloria (to the glory of God alone). Our Clergy Day on Wednesday with Carolyn Arends and our 10th Anniversary Celebration Service on Thursday evening were also great blessings and encouragement to those in attendance.

Many of the synod sessions were video recorded and can be streamed anytime from ANiC's new YouTube channel. Simply click [here](#).

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18 Things to Pray for Your Church

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It's comparatively easy for you and me to pray for ourselves, our families, and our friends. But how can we learn how to pray more fervently and consistently for our local churches?

For one, we just need to start doing it—and encouraging others to do so.

To help with that, here are 18 things you can pray for your church. They aren't as rich as Paul's since I wanted to keep them simple and Twitter-length. Still, perhaps you could print out this article and pray two or three of the points below per day for the next week—maybe in your quiet time, maybe at the family dinner table.

Also, consider copying and pasting your favourite prayers below into Twitter or Facebook, led by the phrase "Pray for your church: . . ." The point is to use *your* social media platform to encourage others to pray for *their* church.

Who knows? One day in glory, perhaps we'll see all the good accomplished from believers being more deliberate about praying for their churches.

What to Pray For

1. **That we would have unity amid diversity**—loving those with whom we have nothing in common but the gospel.
2. **That a culture of discipleship** would form in which making disciples is viewed as an ordinary part of the Christian life.
3. **That faithful leaders** would use Scripture to train members to do the work of ministry.
4. **That a hunger for studying the gospel** would form among members so that they can guide and guard one another in it.
5. **That transparent, meaningful relationships** would become normal and remaining anonymous strange.
6. **The preaching of God's Word**—that it would be biblically careful and Holy Spirit imbued.

7. **That elders would remain above reproach**, kept from temptation, complacency, idols, and worldliness.
8. **That the church's songs** would teach members to biblically confess, lament, and praise.
9. **That the church's prayers** would be infused with biblical ambitions, honesty, and humility.
10. **That adult members would work to disciple teenagers** and not just leave it to programming.
11. **That the church's primary teachers grow in dedication to God's Word** even when no one's watching.
12. **That it would grow in being distinct from the world** in love and holiness, even as it engages outsiders.
13. **That members would share the gospel** this week—and see more conversions!
14. **That members would be prepared for persecution**, remembering to love, not curse, their persecutors.
15. **That hopes for political change** would be outstretched by the hope of heaven.
16. **That congregational giving would be faithful**, as well as joyful, consistent, and sacrificial.
17. **That more members would use their careers** to take the gospel to places it's never been.
18. **That members would be good and do good** in their workplaces this week.

Can you think of something I didn't include? Then pray it and share it! This is hardly the "official list" of the 18 most important things to pray. They're simply what one guy thought of while sitting in his office chair. The point is for all of us to start praying more intentionally for our churches, and to encourage others to do the same.

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Praying through November 2017

1. **Our province and primate** – Pray for **Archbishop Foley Beach** (& Allison). May God glorify Himself through the ACNA and give us a passion for sharing the Gospel.
2. **Our diocese** – Pray for the **Anglican Network in Canada** and our congregations. Pray for **revival** in our churches. We desperately need the Lord.
3. Pray for **Bishop Charlie Masters** (& Judy) as he leads ANiC. May God grant him the health, strength, discernment and the passion he needs for this heavy responsibility.
4. Pray for ANiC's suffragan bishops: **Bishops Stephen Leung** (& Nona) and **Trevor Walters** (& Dede). Pray for wisdom and vision as they care for clergy and churches.
5. **Bishop Don Harvey** (& Trudy) – Pray for Bishop Don in his roles as ANiC's episcopal vicar and as senior chaplain to the ACNA College of Bishops.
6. Pray for **Bishop Ron Ferris** (and Jan) as he embraces his important new role as **Assisting Bishop for Missionary Planning**. Bishop Ron will seek to integrate **new ministry possibilities and partnerships** for our future. He will also “develop policy options and consult widely in order to assist the Bishops and ANiC Council in clarifying and moving ahead on key priorities.”
7. Pray for our retired bishop, **Bishop Malcolm Harding** (& Marylou). Thank God for their fruitful ministries.
8. Pray for the new **Missionary Bishop Andy Lines** (& Mandy), who was consecrated at the ACNA Assembly on the 30th June. Given the disappointing decisions by the Church of England general synod and the Scottish Episcopal Church, and a recent statement from the Primates Meeting in Canterbury, his ministry to orthodox evangelicals will be very important.
9. **ANiC archdeacons, canons & all clergy** – Pray for spiritual and physical protection and renewal as well as for God's blessing on them, their spouses & families.
10. **ANiC council, chancellor & registrar** – Pray for wisdom and servant hearts as they serve ANiC. May they know God's leading, seek His will, and experience His joy.
11. **ANiC staff & volunteers** – Pray for strength for the tasks, faithfulness in service, & joy in the Lord. May God's blessing rest on ANiC as we seek to know, love & serve Him.
12. **Asian & Multicultural Ministries in Canada (AMMiC)** – May God bless this ministry as it reaches ethnic communities & new immigrants with the Gospel & plants churches
13. **ANiC's 5 Ministry Priorities** – Pray that God will use these to transform us and our churches: **Bold witnesses; Biblically grounded; Loving children; On mission; and Planting churches.**
14. **ANiC Council Meeting** – Pray for our ANiC Council as they meet in Vancouver on the 15th and 16th, especially for our new council members added during synod.
15. **ANiC's New England congregations**
 - Holy Trinity (Marlborough, MA)
 - Holy Trinity (Attleboro, MA)
 - Emmanuel - Chinese (Boston, MA)
 - St Brigid of Kildare (Medway, MA)
 - All Saints' (Rutland, VT)
16. **ANiC congregations in Newfoundland & the Atlantic Provinces**
 - St Stephen the Martyr (St John's, NL)
 - Good Samaritan (St John's, NL)
 - Resurrection (Halifax, NS)
 - Christ the King (Quispamsis, NB)
17. **ANiC congregations in Quebec**
 - St Timothy's (Montreal area)
 - Emmaus (Westmount, Montreal)
 - St James (Lennoxville)
18. **ANiC congregations in the Ottawa, Ontario area**
 - Faith (Embrun)
 - Messiah (Ottawa)
 - St Peter & St Paul's (Ottawa)
 - Eternal Hope (Carleton Place)
 - St Luke's (Pembroke)
 - Blackburn Hamlet Community (Ottawa)
 - Grace (Mississippi Mills)
19. Pray for **Bishop Charlie Masters** today as he begins a very busy week in the UK of preaching and strategic meetings with Bishop Andy Lines and other evangelical leaders.

20. ANiC congregations in Ontario

- St Aidan's (Windsor)
- Cornerstone Anglican Church (Sarnia)
- The Way (Wasaga Beach)
- St Aidan's at River's Bend (Belle River)
- New Life (Sturgeon Falls)
- The Gate (Sault Ste Marie)

21. ANiC congregations in Ontario

- St Hilda's (Oakville)
- St George's (Burlington)
- Good Shepherd (St Catharines)
- St Peter by the Park (Hamilton)
- Epiphany (Hamilton)
- St Jude (Guelph)

22. ANiC congregations in Greater Toronto and eastern Ontario

- St Chad's (Toronto)
- Christ The King (Toronto)
- Bethel South Asian (Brampton)
- St James Fellowship (Trenton)
- Celebration Church (Barrie)
- New Song (Port Perry)
- Living Waters (Kingston)

23. ANiC congregations in Saskatchewan & Manitoba

- Resurrection (Brandon, MB)
- Redeemer (Dauphin, MB)
- St Bede's (Kinosota, MB)
- Cornerstone (Regina, SK)

24. ANiC congregations in Alberta

- Holy Trinity - Filipino (Edmonton)
- Christ the King (Edmonton)
- Living Water (Athabasca)
- Grace Anglican (Calgary)
- Good Shepherd - Cantonese (Calgary)

25. ANiC congregations in the Fraser Valley & Interior of BC

- Ascension (Langley)
- Saint Matthew's (Abbotsford)
- Church of the Holy Cross (Abbotsford)
- Resurrection (Kelowna)
- Christ Church (Kelowna)
- South Okanagan Project (Oliver)

26. ANiC congregations in the Vancouver, BC area

- St John's Vancouver
- St John's Richmond
- St Peter's Fireside (Vancouver)
- Sojourn Church (UBC, Vancouver)
- Immanuel Church (Vancouver)
- St Andrews (Delta)

27. ANiC congregations in the Vancouver, BC area

- St Matthias and St Luke (Vancouver)
- All Nations – Japanese
- Good Shepherd Vancouver – Chinese
- Good Shepherd Richmond – Chinese
- St John's – Sudanese (Surrey)
- St Timothy's (North Vancouver)

28. ANiC congregations on Vancouver Island & Sunshine Coast

- Open Gate Church (Victoria)
- Church of Our Lord (Victoria)
- The Table (Victoria, Saanich Peninsula)
- Living Edge (Victoria)
- Christ's Church (Oceanside)
- Christ the Redeemer (Pender Harbour)

29. Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans – Pray that repentance, revival and renewal will spread throughout the Communion. Pray especially for the dedicated **Primates** leading this global fellowship of orthodox Anglicans determined to remain faithful to God's Word.

30. Pray for a fresh outpouring of repentance and revival upon our nations and our world! *“Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!”*
Isaiah 64:1-2 ESV

Note: for further info about specific ANiC parishes see www.anglicannetwork.ca/find-a-church