

Prayer Calendar | December 2020

1. As our Primate, Archbishop Foley Beach, and our diocesan, Bishop Charlie Masters, have urged us, let us **pray daily** throughout the month asking for **God's intervention in the spread of the Coronavirus** in North America and all around the world. Ask God to **intervene and eradicate** this virus. Ask him to help public health officials, doctors, and government officials with wisdom and guidance. Ask him to **heal the victims and comfort those who have lost loved-ones**. Ask him to inspire and guide researchers who are actively **producing viable vaccines and those who will plan and oversee the vaccines' distribution**. Pray for our **government leaders at every level** as they seek to make the best decisions concerning ongoing lockdown restrictions, **especially around the schools. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Galatians 6: 9 ESV**
2. **Our diocese** – Pray for the Anglican Network in Canada and all of our parishes across Canada and in New England. Pray for revival in our churches and their neighbourhoods. We so desperately need the Lord. May great passion for the Gospel be a hallmark of each congregation.
3. **Our province and primate** – Pray for **Archbishop Foley Beach (& Allison)** as he gives godly leadership to the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA). Ask the Lord for great wisdom as he and the College of Bishops make strategic decisions around the opening of church buildings and Gospel ministry in the ever-shifting lockdown reality. Pray also for him as he embraces his strategic role as chairman of the Gafcon primates' council.
4. Pray for **Bishop Charlie Masters (& Judy)** as he leads ANiC. May God grant him all the health, strength, discernment and the passion he needs for this heavy responsibility. Pray for protection for him from illness and fatigue. Pray for wisdom as he and the House of Bishops continue to make decisions about the re-opening of churches in varying jurisdictions. Grant him Gospel zeal as he cares for the clergy and parishes in Canada and New England.
December first Friday: *We urge you to set aside the first Friday as a day to pray and fast (if you are able) 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 and a world devastated by COVID-19 and increasing racial conflict. It is critical that we unite together in prayer.*
5. Pray for ANiC's suffragan bishops: **Bishops Stephen Leung (& Nona) and Trevor Walters (& Dede)**. Pray for health, protection, wisdom and vision as they care for clergy and churches. May the Lord grant them the anointing of the Spirit for the fulfilling of their calling.
6. Pray for **Bishop Ron Ferris (& Jan)** as he fulfills his important role as Assisting Bishop for Missionary Planning. Pray also for our retired bishop, **Bishop Malcolm Harding (& Marylou)**. Thank God for their fruitful ministries.
7. Pray for **Bishop Don Harvey (& Trudy)** in his roles as ANiC's episcopal vicar and as senior chaplain to the ACNA College of Bishops. Pray for his continued health and vigour.
8. Pray for our **Missionary Bishop Andy Lines (& Mandy)**. Given the spiritual drift from orthodoxy of the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church, his ministry to orthodox evangelicals is vital. Pray for wisdom, courage and protection from discouragement despite the difficult persecution that he faces on almost a daily basis.
9. **ANiC's 5 Ministry Priorities** – Pray that God will use these five priorities to transform us and our parishes: Bold witnesses; Biblically grounded; Loving children; On mission; and Planting churches.
COVID-19: Never have these 5 priorities been more important as we seek to reach a fearful and anxious culture for Jesus!
10. **ANiC archdeacons, canons & all clergy** – Pray for spiritual and physical protection and renewal as well as God's blessing upon their ministry. Pray also for their spouses & families that God would grant them safety and health in body, mind and spirit and may the Lord grant them grace upon grace as they pastor those under their care. Please pray especially for **all those recently ordained** as they fully embrace their ministries. May the Holy Spirit anoint all their endeavors for the Gospel.
11. **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.
ANiC staff & volunteers in Burlington – Pray for strength for the tasks, faithfulness in service, and joy in the Lord. May the Lord grant physical healing to those in need and may God's blessing rest on ANiC as we seek to know, love and serve Him.
12. **Asian & Multicultural Ministries in Canada (AMMiC)** – May God bless and prosper their ministry as they reach out to ethnic communities and new immigrants with the transforming Gospel of Jesus, and engage in planting new churches. For further prayer around this important ministry, AMMiC also produces their own monthly prayer calendar available at www.ammic.ca
13. Pray for a group of **new church plants** that are in the process of getting started in the midst of the COVID environment: **Messiah Kanata**, a plant flowing out of Church of the Messiah in Ottawa being led by **Rev. Daniel & Christine Avitan**; a **Saskatoon Project** led by **Jan Bigland Pritchard**; **Whitehorse** project led by **Becca & Cy Sweetville**; and **Highway**, a new church plant on the Northshore of Vancouver in partnership with St Simon's led by **Rev. Joe Pienaar**; and **Église Resurrection Church** in Rigaud QC being led by **Jonathan Camiré**.
14. **ANiC's New England congregations** Holy Trinity (Marlborough, MA) Holy Trinity (Attleboro, MA) All Saints' (Rutland, VT) Emmanuel - Chinese (Boston, MA)

15. **ANiC congregations in the Atlantic Provinces**
 St Stephen the Martyr (St John's, NL)
 Resurrection (Halifax, NS)
 Good Samaritan (St John's, NL)
 Christ the King (Quispamsis, NB)
 All Saints (Bonavista, NL)
 St. Matthew's (Gander, NL)
16. **ANiC congregations in Quebec**
 Emmaus (Montreal)
 St Timothy's (Montreal)
 St James (Lennoxville)
17. **ANiC congregations in the Ottawa area**
 Faith Anglican (Limoges)
 St Luke's (Pembroke)
 Messiah (Ottawa)
 Blackburn Hamlet Community (Ottawa)
 St Peter & St Paul's (Ottawa)
 Grace (Mississippi Mills)
 Eternal Hope (Carleton Place)
18. **ANiC congregations in Ontario**
 St Aidan's (Windsor)
 St Aidan's at River's Bend (Belle River)
 Cornerstone Anglican Church (Sarnia)
 New Life (Sturgeon Falls)
 The Gate (Iron Bridge)
 Church of the Good Shepherd, (Sault Ste Marie) church project
19. **ANiC congregations in Ontario**
 St Hilda's (Oakville)
 St Peter by the Park (Hamilton)
 St George's (Burlington)
 Epiphany (Hamilton)
 Good Shepherd (St Catharines)
 St Jude (Guelph)
20. **ANiC congregations in Greater Toronto and eastern Ontario**
 St Chad's (Toronto)
 Celebration Church (Barrie)
 Christ The King (Toronto)
 New Song (Port Perry)
 Bethel South Asian (Brampton)
 Living Waters (Kingston)
 St James Fellowship (Trenton)
 St Stephen Anglican Fellowship (Napanee)
Tentative ordinations which may have to be postponed due to COVID:
 Pray today for **Paul Sheng & Angel Tong**, both to be ordained to the transitional deaconate at Good Shepherd Vancouver. Both have been serving as evangelists; Paul to the Mandarin community and Angel to
- the Cantonese. They are also church planters.
21. **ANiC congregations in Saskatchewan & Manitoba**
 Resurrection (Brandon, MB)
 St Bede's (Kinosota, MB)
 Redeemer (Dauphin, MB)
 Saint Saviour's, (Lloydminster SK)
22. **ANiC congregations in Alberta**
 Holy Trinity - Filipino (Edmonton)
 Grace Anglican (Calgary)
 Christ the King (Edmonton)
 Good Shepherd - Cantonese (Calgary)
 Living Water (Athabasca)
23. **ANiC congregations in the Fraser Valley & Interior of BC**
 Ascension (Langley)
 Resurrection (Kelowna)
 Saint Matthew's (Abbotsford)
 Christ Church (Kelowna)
 Church of the Holy Cross (Abbotsford)
 Bulkley River project (formerly Houston and Smithers)
24. **ANiC congregations in the Vancouver area**
 St John's (Vancouver)
 St. Thomas Mission (UBC, Vancouver) (merged with Sojourn Church)
 St John's (Richmond)
 St Peter's Fireside (Vancouver)
 St Andrew's (Delta)
25. **Christmas Day** - Pray that the joy of the **birth of the Christ-child may refresh each member** of every ANiC parish and be shed abroad as we share this blessing with everyone we encounter today! Pray for all who are alone today, especially those isolated because of COVID restrictions. Pray also for our front-line medical workers who are unable to be with their families today because they are caring for others in hospitals and long-term care homes.
26. **Anglican Explorers** - Pray for the fruitfulness of this new ANiC church seeding and planting initiative led by Bishop Ron Ferris and Rev. Geoff Chapman as they seek to match church planters with seed groups and planting opportunities across the country.
27. **ANiC congregations in the Vancouver area**
 St Matthias and St Luke (Vancouver)
 Good Shepherd Richmond - Chinese
- All Nations - Japanese
 St John's - Sudanese (Surrey)
 Good Shepherd Vancouver - Chinese
 St Timothy's (North Vancouver)
 St Simon's (North Vancouver)
28. **ANiC congregations on Vancouver Island & Sunshine Coast**
 Open Gate Church (Victoria)
 Living Edge (Victoria)
 Church of Our Lord (Victoria)
 Christ's Church (Oceanside)
 The Table (Victoria, Saanich Peninsula)
 Christ the Redeemer (Pender Harbour)
29. Pray for the **Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC)** as it is partnering with Redeemer Anglican Church and the **Anglican Church of Paraguay** began an expansion of El Redentor School. This new project will complete the second stage of the school's expansion, adding four new classrooms and an office for the administration. These modifications will double the enrollment, and allow the school to eventually serve students from preschool to ninth grade. The school will teach students Christian values and help them gain an understanding of the Christian faith.
30. Please pray for **Gafcon, our global family of authentic Anglicans standing together to retain and restore the Bible to the heart of the Anglican Communion**. Pray for the fulfillment of their God-given mandate: "Gafcon works to **guard and proclaim the unchanging, transforming Gospel** through biblically faithful preaching and teaching which frees our churches to make disciples by clear and certain witness to Jesus Christ in all the world."
31. As we stand at the threshold of another new year in the midst of a global pandemic, 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