



# Prayer Calendar | May 2023

1. Give thanks for the important **GAFCON IV conference held last month** in Kilgali, Rwanda. Once again, this gathering of orthodox Anglicans from all around the world has proven to be both a great encouragement and of strategic importance to the proclamation of the transforming Gospel of Jesus. Thank God for the clear, faithful statement of **the Kilgali Commitment** released after the conference, the text of which can be read here: <https://www.gafcon.org/news/gafcon-iv-the-kigali-commitment>
2. Pray for **Bishop Dan Gifford (& Cathryn)** in these early months of his tenure as **diocesan bishop** of ANiC. May God grant him all the health, strength, discernment, vision and the passion he needs for this heavy responsibility. Pray for protection for him from illness and fatigue. Grant him Gospel zeal as he cares for the clergy and parishes in Canada and New England.
3. **Our diocese and province** – 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. May great passion for the Gospel be a hallmark of each congregation. Pray for our primate, **Archbishop Foley Beach (& Allison)**, as he gives godly leadership to **the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA)**. Pray also for him in his strategic role as chairman of the Gafcon primates' council as the primates seek to follow Jesus and the truth of His Gospel in an increasingly turbulent Anglican Communion.
4. Pray for **Bishop Stephen Leung (& Nona)**. Pray for health, protection, wisdom and vision and the ongoing ministry of AMMiC. 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 also **Bishop Charlie Masters (& Judy)**, ANiC's bishop of evangelism; **Bishop Trevor Walters (& Dede)**, bishop of mediation, **Bishop Ron Ferris (& Jan)**, bishop of church planting and retired **Bishop Malcolm Harding (& Marylou)**. Thank God for their fruitful ministries and may God continue to use them in service to the Lord.
5. As circumstances escalate and tension increases both **in Ukraine and in Russia**, let us not lose heart, but persevere in **prayer by beseeching God for mercy** and an end to the destruction and desperate decisions. **Pray also for the people of Turkey and Syria** amid the unparalleled destruction and loss of lives caused by successive earthquakes in March. May the Christians in both nations reach out to others **with compassion and hope** in the midst of such devastation.
6. Pray for our **Electoral Nominating Committee (ENC)**, chaired by Executive Archdeacon Paul Charbonneau, as they seek the Lord's will concerning candidates for the office of suffragan bishop serving in western Canada to be elected at our diocesan synod later this year.
7. **ANiC's 5 Ministry Priorities** – Pray that God will use these five strategic priorities to transform us and our parishes. Pray for the leadership teams around each priority: **Bold witnesses; Biblically grounded; Loving children & youth into the Kingdom; On mission, and Planting & Growing Churches**. Today is also our annual **Sanctity of Life Sunday**. Pray for our churches as they affirm and proclaim life as a precious gift from God.
8. **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.
9. **ANiC staff & volunteers**, especially our new executive director, **Rev. Canon Howard Edwards**– Pray for strength for the tasks, faithfulness in service, and joy in the Lord. May God's blessing rest on ANiC as we seek to know, love and serve Him. Pray also for **ANiC's 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. Pray also for our **Clergy and Spouses Retreat** beginning today in Sumas, Washington. Pray for this three day event of rest, fellowship, prayer and teaching that our clergy and their spouses would be greatly refreshed and encouraged.
10. **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 on their website: [ammic.ca](http://ammic.ca)
11. Pray for all our young **church plants, projects and prospective ministries** including: **Resurrection** in Rigaud, QC; **Messiah Kanata** in Kanata, ON; **St. Francis** in Saskatoon; **All Saints** in Calgary, AB; **St. Thomas** in Summerland, BC; **Highway Northshore** in North Vancouver, BC; **St. Paul's Anglican Church of the Caribou**, Prince George and Quesnel, BC and **Redemption Church**, Charlottetown, PE.
12. Pray for **the faculty and students of ANiC's new seminary, Packer College**, resident at **the Church of the Good Samaritan** in St. John's NL. May there be a sense of Godly anticipation as this new theological training facility continues in its first year of ministry. Pray that many "labourers will be sent out into the harvest" (Matt 9:38). For more detailed information about the college, its mission, and student life, please see: [packercollege.ca](http://packercollege.ca)
13. **ANiC's New England congregations:** Holy Trinity (Marlborough, MA) Christ the True Vine Anglican Mission (Marlborough, MA) Emmanuel - Chinese (Boston, MA)

14. **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 (Sussex, NB)  
 All Saints (Bonavista, NL)  
 St. Matthew's (Gander, NL)
15. **ANiC congregations in the Ottawa area:**  
 St Luke's (Pembroke)  
 Messiah (Ottawa)  
 St Peter & St Paul's (Ottawa)  
 Grace (Mississippi Mills)  
 Eternal Hope (Carleton Place)  
 Messiah (Kanata)
16. **ANiC congregations in Quebec:**  
 Emmaus (Montreal)  
 St Timothy's (Montreal)  
 St James (Lennoxville)  
 Resurrection Church (Rigaud)
17. **ANiC congregations in Ontario:**  
 St Aidan's (Windsor)  
 Cornerstone Anglican Church (Sarnia)  
 New Life (Sturgeon Falls)  
 The Gate (Iron Bridge)  
 Church of the Good Shepherd (Sault Ste Marie) church project
18. **ANiC congregations in Ontario:**  
 St Hilda's (Oakville)  
 St Peter by the Park (Hamilton)  
 St George's (Burlington)  
 Good Shepherd (St Catharines)  
 St Jude (Guelph)  
 St Barnabas Anglican Mission (Wilsonville)  
 All Saints GTA (Mississauga) **recent**  
**Collect for Ascension Day:** *Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*
19. **ANiC congregations in Greater Toronto and eastern Ontario:**  
 St Chad's (Toronto)  
 Celebration Church (Barrie)  
 Christ the King (Toronto)  
 New Song (Port Perry)  
 Living Waters (Kingston)  
 St James Fellowship (Trenton)  
 St Stephen Anglican Fellowship (Napanee)
20. **ANiC congregations in Saskatchewan & Manitoba:**  
 Resurrection (Brandon, MB)
- St Bede's (Kinosota, MB)  
 Redeemer (Dauphin, MB)  
 Saint Saviour's (Lloydminster SK)  
 St. Francis Anglican Worship Community (Saskatoon, SK)
21. **ANiC congregations in Alberta:**  
 Grace Anglican (Calgary)  
 Christ the King (Edmonton)  
 Good Shepherd - Cantonese (Calgary)  
 Living Water (Athabasca)  
 All Saints (Calgary) **recent**
22. **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 (formerly Houston and Smithers)  
 St. Thomas (Summerland) **recent**
23. **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)  
 Highway Church (north shore Vancouver)
24. **ANiC congregations in the Vancouver area:**  
 St Matthias and St Luke (Vancouver)  
 Good Shepherd Richmond - Chinese  
 St John's - Sudanese (Surrey)  
 Good Shepherd Vancouver - Chinese  
 St Timothy's (North Vancouver)  
 St Simon's (North Vancouver)  
 Good Shepherd Burnaby - Chinese
25. **ANiC congregations on Vancouver Island & Sunshine Coast:**  
 Open Gate Church (Victoria)  
 Church of Our Lord (Victoria)  
 Christ's Church (Oceanside)  
 The Table (Victoria, Saanich Peninsula)  
 Christ the Redeemer (Pender Harbour)
26. Pray for the **Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada** (ARDFC) and its latest focus - a new water project in Mozambique where they are drilling 4 new wells and constructing protection for 14 natural water springs providing safe clean drinking water for more than 8400 people.
27. Pray for **Anglican Explorers** for the fruitfulness of this 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.
28. On this **Pentecost Sunday**, let us ask God for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon His Church worldwide, especially upon the Anglican Church in North America and our diocese, the Anglican Network in Canada.
29. The nations of the world are deeply divided internally and increasingly polarized and violent. The Church worldwide needs **to reflect on the Scriptural promise** below and see the responsibility that we have - "those who are called by My Name" - to seek the Lord, to repent of our wicked ways, asking him to mercifully hear from heaven, forgive our sin and heal our lands. *"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV
30. Pray for the **millions of refugees and internally displaced people** worldwide. Pray for persecuted Christians, especially in Islamic, communist and war-torn lands.
31. As we continue through 2023, 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