

# Prayer Calendar | May 2024

- 1. Pray for **Bishop Dan Gifford (&** Cathryn), the diocesan bishop of ANIC. May God grant him all the health, strength, discernment, vision and the passion he needs for this important 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Pray for our primate, Archbishop Foley Beach (& Allison), as he gives godly leadership to **the Anglican** Church in North America (ACNA) of which ANiC is a member diocese. Pray also for the choice of a new primate as Archbishop Foley's term comes to an end in June. This will be decided by an election to be held at a Conclave to Elect Next Archbishop, June 20th - 23rd.
- 4. Pray for **Bishop Stephen Leung** (& Nona) and the ongoing ministry of AMMiC. Pray also for **Bishop** Ron Ferris (& Jan), Bishop Grant LeMarquand (& Wendy), Bishop Don Harvey (& Trudy), Bishop Trevor Walters (& Dede), Bishop Charlie Masters (& Judy) and **Bishop Malcolm Harding (&** Marylou) in all the work and ministries they are a part of across our diocese.

Pray also for **Bishop Mike Stewart**, ANiC's new suffragan bishop for the west, recently consecrated in March; for godly wisdom, discernment, deep passion for the Gospel and Christ's love for those under his care.

5. 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.

- 6. Pray for lay leaders in our parishes: 11. Pray for the faculty and students for wardens and lay readers, for ministry coordinators, catechists, youth and children's leaders and all those who provide leadership in their congregations. Pray that they would lead faithfully and wisely, that their labours would be by the Spirit, and that they would be encouraged and strengthened in Christ.
- Pray for a **spirit of evangelism** for 7. all our congregations. In particular let's pray for the utilizing of The Word One to One tool to share the book of John with those curious about Christianity. Learn more here: theword121.com
- 8. ANiC staff & volunteers, especially our 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 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.
- 9. 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 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.
- 10. Pray for all our young **church** plants, projects and prospective ministries including: Messiah West Kanata, ON; Via Caronport, SK; All Saints Calgary, AB; Good Shepherd Burnaby (Chinese), King's Cross Burnaby; and Redemption Church, Charlottetown, PE.

- of the ANiC's 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 its second year. 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
- 12. Pray for our diocesan Curacy Program where support is provided to young clergy so they can take curacy positions in some of our congregations. Pray for these curates that they would grow and mature as clergy and serve their congregations faithfully. Pray for the rectors of these congregations that they would mentor these curates well. And pray that the Lord would provide more funds and young clergy that we might expand the program.

**Collect for the Sunday after** Ascension Day: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

13. 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.

#### 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 Quebec & New England: Emmaus (Montreal) St Timothy's (Montreal) St James (Lennoxville) Holy Trinity (Marlborough, MA)

# 16. 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 West (Kanata)

## 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)

## 18. ANiC congregations in Ontario:

St Hilda's (Oakville) St Peter by the Park (Hamilton) St George's (Burlington) Church of the Good Shepherd (St Catharines) St Jude (Guelph) St Barnabas Anglican Mission (Wilsonville) All Saints GTA (Mississauga)

19. 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.

# **Collect for the Day of Pentecost:**

Almighty God, on this day, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### 20. 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)

#### 21. ANIC congregations in Saskatchewan & Manitoba: Resurrection (Brandon, MB)

St Bede's (Kinosota, MB) Redeemer (Dauphin, MB) Saint Saviour's (Lloydminster SK) Via Caronport, SK St. Francis Anglican Worship Community (Saskatoon, SK)

## 22. ANiC congregations in Alberta:

Grace Anglican (Calgary) Christ the King (Edmonton) Good Shepherd - Cantonese (Calgary) Living Water (Athabasca) All Saints (Calgary) Christ the Redeemer (Lethbridge) Christ Our King (Calgary)

### 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 Emmaus Road Anglican (previously Via Langley)

# 24. ANiC congregations in the Vancouver area:

St John's (Vancouver) St Thomas Mission (Vancouver) St John's (Richmond) St Peter's Fireside (Vancouver) St Andrew's (Delta)

# 25. ANiC congregations in the Vancouver area:

St Matthias and St Luke (Vancouver) Good Shepherd (Richmond – Chinese) St John's (Surrey - Sudanese) Church of the Good Shepherd (Vancouver – Chinese) St Timothy's (North Vancouver) St Simon's (North Vancouver) Good Shepherd (Burnaby – Chinese) King's Cross (Burnaby)

#### 26. ANiC congregations on Vancouver Island & Sunshine Coast: Open Gate Church (Victoria) Church of Our Lord (Victoria) Christ's Church (Nanoose Bay) The Table (Victoria) Christ the Redeemer (Pender Harbour) The Table (Peninsula) recent

27. Pray for the **ongoing ministry** of **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."

- 28. Pray for the ANIC 3-day **Clergy/ Spouse Retreat** being held in Sumas WA **beginning today**. May this be a time of great refreshing of marriages and the strengthening of clergy spouses who support the clergy through prayer, counsel and a vital "listening ear". May the Holy Spirit fill each attendee once again with great power for Gospel ministry.
- 29. 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. Also, pray for the **Church Planting Committee** as they advise our Bishops and Council.
- 30. Continue to pray for the **Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada** (ARDFC) and its water project in Mozambique to provide safe clean drinking water for more than 8400 people. We have completed the deep water wells and now are raising funds to rehabilitate 14 surface water sources. Also pray **for the provision of dorm and worship facilities** in Sensok, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- Pray for seven ordinands who are preparing for ordination soon: On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Craig Gay and Jacob VanDiver as deacons (St. John's Van.). Dan Glover, Jeff Schroeder (St. Simon's North Van.) and Will Gray (St. John's Van.) as presbyters/ priests. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Maynard (Emmaus Road Langley, BC) as

deacon and **Matt Usherwood** (New Song Port Perry, ON) as presbyter/ priest.