



Prayer Calendar | December 2022

1. Pray for **Bishop Dan Gifford (& Cathryn)** as he begins 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.
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. Pray for our primate, **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 important decisions around the growth of Gospel ministry. Pray also for him in his strategic role as chairman of the Gafcon primates' council.
3. 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.
4. 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 for the churches in Ukraine and in Russia** that they may bring comfort to those who have suffered needless loss of family members and may they share the transforming Gospel of Jesus in a time of desperate circumstances. Pray also for **growing church in Iran** in the midst of great turmoil, protest and government crackdown. Grant to the Christians discernment and wisdom as they seek God's guidance as to what role they should take in ministering to the hurting and persecuted.
5. Pray for our **Electoral Nominating Committee (ENC)** 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 2023.
6. **ANiC's 5 Ministry Priorities** – Pray that God will use these five priorities to transform us and our parishes. Pray also for the leaders and their team around each priority: **Bold witnesses** (Scott Hunt); **Biblically grounded** (Canon George Sinclair); **Loving children & youth into the Kingdom** (Rev. Jeremy & Kimberley Graham); **On mission** (Canon Brian McVitty); and **Planting & Growing Churches** (Canon Alastair Sterne).
7. **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.
8. **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.
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
10. Pray for all our young **church plants and new congregations** that are in the process of getting established including: **Resurrection** in Rigaud, QC; **Messiah Kanata** in Kanata, ON; **St. Francis** in Saskatoon; **All Saints** in Calgary, AB; **St. Thomas** in Summerland, BC; and **Highway Northshore** in North Vancouver, BC.
11. 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 begins 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
12. **ANiC's New England congregations:**
Holy Trinity (Marlborough, MA)
Christ the True Vine Anglican Mission (Marlborough, MA)
All Saints' (Rutland, VT)
Christ the Way Anglican Mission (Moosup, CT)
Emmanuel - Chinese (Boston, MA)
13. **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)
14. **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)
15. **ANiC congregations in Quebec:**
Emmaus (Montreal)
St Timothy's (Montreal)
St James (Lennoxville)
Resurrection Church (Rigaud) **recent**
16. **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

17. 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)
St Barnabas Anglican Mission (Wilsonville)
All Saints GTA (Mississauga) **recent**

18. 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 (Napane)

19. 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)

20. ANiC congregations in Alberta:

Grace Anglican (Calgary)
Christ the King (Edmonton)
Good Shepherd - Cantonese (Calgary)
Living Water (Athabasca)
All Saints (Calgary) **new**

21. 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**

22. 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)

23. 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)
Highway Church (north shore Vancouver) **recent**

24. 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)

Collect for Christmas Eve: *O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen* BCP 2019

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 separated because of illness.

Collect for Christmas Day: *Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.* BCP2019

26. Pray for the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada

(ARDFC) and its latest project as it is partnering with the **Anglican Church in Cambodia** to expand a safe hostel for girls in the suburbs of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This splendid building is now complete and we pray for the ministry to young women that will take place there. There are also plans for a **church plant in Phnom Penh** that is in its early stages. Pray for wisdom and protection in an environment sometimes hostile to the Gospel.

27. Pray also 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. 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."

29. Pray for the highly important GAFCON IV conference to be held **April 16-23, 2023** in Kilgali, Rwanda.

These gatherings of orthodox Anglicans from all around the world have proven to be both a great encouragement and of strategic importance to the proclamation of the transforming Gospel of Jesus.

30. Our nations are deeply divided internally and increasingly polarized. 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

31. As we stand at the threshold of another new year, 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