



Prayer Calendar | December 2023

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. 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 **Rev. Kyung-Hyun (James) Kim** who will be ordained to the priesthood **today** at St. Matthias & St. Luke Anglican Church, Vancouver. Pray also for **Simon Teague** who is being ordained **today** as a deacon at Living Waters Anglican Fellowship in Kingston.
3. **Collect for the First Sunday in Advent:** *Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.* BCP2019
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, for continued physical healing; **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. Let us **give thanks for God's presence, protection and guidance** over our recent Diocesan Synod. Thank Him for leading synod delegates in the election of **Archdeacon Mike Stewart** as our suffragan bishop-elect of the west. Thank Him for the palpable spirit of Peace that ruled over the entire week's proceedings.
6. **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.**
7. Pray for **lay leaders in our parishes;** 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.
8. Pray for **a spirit of evangelism** as churches seek to reach and disciple their neighbours with the good news of Jesus.
9. **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.
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
11. 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.
12. Pray for **the faculty and students** of the new seminary, **Packer College**, based 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. For more detailed information about the college, its mission, and student life, please see: packercollege.ca
13. 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.
14. **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.
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 (Sussex, NB)
All Saints (Bonavista, NL)
St. Matthew's (Gander, NL)

16. ANiC congregations in Quebec & New England:

Emmaus (Montreal)
St Timothy's (Montreal)
St James (Lennoxville)
Holy Trinity (Marlborough, MA)

17. 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)

18. 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)

19. 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)

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 (Napanea)

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)

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. 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)

27. 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)

28. 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.

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. 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 "to guard and proclaim the unchanging, transforming Gospel through biblically faithful preaching and teaching."

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