

Prayer Calendar | April 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. For more pertinent information, please check out this video link: anglicanchurch.net/callto-prayer-from-archbishop-foleybeach/
- 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.
- 5. Pray for our new Bishop, **Mike Stewart**, ANiC's **suffragan bishop** for the west, recently consecrated on March 23rd. Ask the Holy Spirit to give him godly wisdom, discernment, deep passion for the Gospel and Christ's love for those under his care as he begins this new chapter of ministry.

- 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 clergy and lay leaders plan new spring outreach events: Almighty God our Savior, you desire that none should perish, and you have taught us through your Son that there is great joy in heaven over every sinner who repents: Grant that our hearts may ache for a lost and broken world. May your Holy Spirit work through our words, deeds, and prayers, that the lost may be found and the dead made alive, and that all your redeemed may rejoice around your throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen BCP2019
- 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

- 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 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
- 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 (Timberlea, NS) Good Samaritan (St John's, NL) Christ the King (Sussex, NB) All Saints (Bonavista, NL) St. Matthew's (Gander, NL) Resurrection (Charlottetown, PEI)

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 25. ANiC congregations in the 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 (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)

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."

Pray for Archbishop Laurent Mbanda (Rwanda) who is the new

Chairman of the Gafcon Primates Council, and there are also two new vice-chairs, Archbishop Miguel Uchoa (Brazil) and Archbishop Kanishka Raffel (Sydney). Also, please pray for the **Right Reverend Paul Donison**, Rector and Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Plano TX, as he serves his role as the General Secretary of Gafcon.

- 28. 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. May ANiC Churches embrace a gospel vision for multiplication. May the Lord send us new church planters and planting couples.
- 29. 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.
- 30. As we continue through 2024, 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