

Prayer Calendar | February 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.
- 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.
- 3. 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 Archdeacon **Mike Stewart**, our **suffragan bishop-elect** of the west. During these weeks leading up to his consecration as a bishop on March **23 in Abbotsford**, may the Holy Spirit be strengthening him spiritually and preparing him for this important task.
- Pray for the **GAFCON** Bishops Training Institute being held **February 4-10** in Kigali, Rwanda. Pray for Bishop Dan and Cathryn Giff ord as they travel and take part in this equipping week with other GAFCON bishops and their spouses. A Prayer for World Mission Sunday: O Father, ignite our hearts with the fire of Your love. As we strive to answer our call to mission, guide our steps and empower us to be true witnesses of Your love in every corner of the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

- 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.
- 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 as clergy and lay leaders plan new 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
- **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.
- **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, 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.
- Pray for **lay leaders in our parishes**; 11. Pray for **the faculty and students** of the 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 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.
 - 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) **Collect for Ash Wednesday:** Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and

you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our 21. ANIC congregations in Alberta: Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

15. ANiC congregations in Quebec & **New England:**

Emmaus (Montreal) St Timothy's (Montreal) St James (Lennoxville) Holy Trinity (Marlborough, MA) Pray for our ANIC Council meeting today. May the Spirit grant them wisdom and His guidance for our diocese.

16. ANIC congregations in the Ottawa

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. 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) Via Caronport, SK St. Francis Anglican Worship Community (Saskatoon, SK)

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) Pray for our ANiC Bishops' Retreat in Abbotsford BC on February **21-22.** Pray for discernment and wisdom in their ministry planning and an encouraging time of prayer and fellowship together.

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** Emmaus Road Anglican (previously Via Langley)

23. 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)

24. 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)

25. 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)

- 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. 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.
- 28. 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 Very Reverend Paul Donison, Rector and Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Plano TX, as he serves his role as the General Secretary of Gafcon.

29. 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