

# Prayer Calendar | January 2024

- On this New Year's Day 2024, let us give thanks to God for life and breath and the honour of being a part of his good plans and purposes here on earth in 2024. Pray that his kingdom would come and will be done here as it is in heaven.
- 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Pray for Bishop Stephen Leung (& Nona) and the ongoing ministry of AMMiC. Pray for Bishop-Elect Mike Stewart (& Marianne) as he awaits confirmation by the ACNA College of Bishops later this month. Pray for 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. Let us give thanks for God's presence, protection and guidance over our Diocesan Synod in November and thank Him for the election of Archdeacon Mike Stewart as our suffragan bishop-elect of the west. During these months leading up to his consecration as a bishop, may the Holy Spirit be strengthening him spiritually and preparing him for this important task.

- The Collect for Epiphany The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles:
  - O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
  - Please pray for the ACNA College of Bishops gathering beginning today through January 12th in Melbourne, FL. In particular pray for Bishop-Elect Mike Stewart as he will be interviewed by the College for confirmation of his election as Suffragan Bishop of ANIC.
- Pray for a spirit of evangelism in our congregations. Pray for all the efforts and initiatives our people are part of to spread the gospel, especially the invitations people across the diocese are making to read scripture with a friend using The Word One to One resource we learned about at synod. You can learn more here: theword121.com
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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
- 12. 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, BC; King's Cross Burnaby, BC; and Redemption Church, Charlottetown, PE.
- 13. 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
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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.

#### 16. 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)

#### 17. ANIC congregations in Quebec & New England:

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

### 18. 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)

#### 19. 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)

#### 20. 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)
Pray also for Frank Ezeokonkwo
and Ikenna Uboma who will be
ordained to the deaconate today at
All Saints GTA.

### 21. 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)

### 22. 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)

#### 23. 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)

# 24. 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)

### 25. 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)

### 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 (ARDEC) and its latest focus - a new

(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. May ANiC Churches embrace a gospel vision for multiplication. May the Lord send us new church planters and planting couples.
- 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: "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 assumes his role as the next
General Secretary of Gafcon.

31. As we move through this 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