


"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3: 22,23).

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1st Susan Davis, **AGC Compassion and Justice Coordinator**, as she serves our Lord. Pray for newcomer families as they adjust to life in Canada.
- 2nd **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del and Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout Quebec.
- 3rd The preparations that go into the **AGC**  program.
- 4th **AGC West Regional Director, Rev. Rob and Wendy Cochrane** as Rob gives leadership to our Western churches.
- 5th **Rev. Doug Agnew (Compass Point Bible Church, Burlington, ON) and his wife Janice and family.** Janice was recently given a serious cancer diagnosis. Pray for God's will to be done and for comfort during these difficult days.
- 6th **Rev. Bill Allan** is preaching today at **The Rock Bible Church, Woodstock, ON.**
- 7th The **AGC** office is closed today for the Civic holiday. Pray for many of the staff who are on vacation.
- 8th **AGC West Associate Regional Director, Rev. Lorne and Esther Meisner** as Lorne gives leadership to our churches in Manitoba.
- 9th **AGC East Regional Director, Rev. Dr. Tom and Karen Lamshead** as Tom ministers to our churches throughout Ontario and Nova Scotia.
- 10th The many families who have been affected by the fires that have been ravaging our beautiful country. Pray also for those who are on the front lines fighting these fires.
- 11th The many **VBS and Day Camp** programs that will take place across the country. Pray for our Children and Youth leaders.
- 12th **AGC Administrative Assistant/Finance Manager, Donna Leung** as she serves our **AGC** staff and our churches.

13th We rejoice today with the family and friends of **Andrew and Sarah McGrath** and the congregation of **Calvary Church, St. Catharines** as they celebrate Andrew's Ordination.

Rev. Del Gibbons is sharing the Word today with the congregation at **Peoples Church, Deux-Montagnes, QC.**

14th **Blainville Church, Quebec** (re-establishment) and **Rockland Church**, as in each case we need a worker/missionary to come along and support each French church project. Pray for the growing Rockland community, the outreach program for the year and the incorporation process.

15th The people of **Ukraine** and other war-torn countries. We also pray for the country of **Haiti**, that God will intervene and that His will be done.

16th **AGC President, Rev. Bill and Michele Allan.** May God give Bill wisdom, guidance, and strength as he serves our **AGC** National team and our churches.

17th **Rev. Dr. Paul and LaFaye Brittain** as Paul ministers in his role as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials.**

18th Those who are serving God in missions. Pray that God's people will have a heart to support those serving.

19th Pastors to fill roles that are vacant in the following **AGC** churches in the East: **Bethel Bible Church, Seaforth, ON, Milliken Gospel Church, Markham, ON, WestVillage Church, Ottawa, ON, Fair Havens Community Church, Beaverton, ON, New Life Christian Assembly, Toronto, ON, Calvary Church, Blind River, ON, Maple Creek Community Church, Dunnville, ON.**

20th **Rev. Bill Allan** is preaching today at **Benediction Church, Hamilton, ON.**

We rejoice today with the family and friends of **Rev. Andrew and Marie Ruten** and the congregation of **Silver Heights Bible Church, Weyburn, SK** on the celebration of Andrew's induction as Pastor of this ministry.

21st **Pastor Jeff and Alanna Peacock and family (Pastor of Somerset Bible Chapel, Somerset, MB.)** Pray for renewed health and strength for Jeff as he has further cancer treatment.

22nd **AGC East Associate Regional Director, Rev. John and Peggi Garner** as John ministers to our churches and pastors throughout the East.



- 23rd Alex & Amber Bojórquez (Pastor at Maryfield AGC, Maryfield, SK). Their son Leonardo is improving, and we thank God for answering prayer. Continue to pray for this family as Leo will need future surgeries.
- 24th The **AGC planning committees and staff** who are already looking at the details for the **2024 AGC East and AGC West Regional Conferences**.
- 25th The people who work in education as they prepare for another school year.
- 26th Pastors to fill roles that are vacant in the following **AGC West churches**: **Bonanza Gospel Chapel, Bonanza, AB, Little Smoky Country Chapel, Little Smoky, AB, Gleichen Community Church, Gleichen, AB, Cornerstone Gospel Church, Mossbank, SK, Grace Bible Church, Dauphin, MB, Biggar Associated Gospel Church, Biggar, SK.**
- 27th **Rev. Bill Allan** is preaching today at **Grace Church, Newmarket, ON.**
- Rev. Rob Cochrane** is speaking today at **Biggar AGC Church, Biggar, SK.**
- 28th All the preparations that go into the startup of fall programs.
- 29th **AOK Church, Aundek Omni Kaning, ON.** Pray that more people will hear and respond to the gospel message and know the love of Christ.
- 30th Safe travels over the Labour Day weekend and a good transition into another season of ministry.
- 31st **AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page** as she serves our **AGC** staff and our churches.

God is a God of Balance

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4: 6 –8).

It seems to me that the God of peace is also the God of balance. I was sharing this thought with a friend one day and it brought her comfort.

What do I mean by the God of balance? During life’s difficult circumstances, God seems to bring balance by providing a blessing too. Here is an example from my own experience. Years ago, my mother was in the hospital and our family anxiously waited for the results of a bone marrow test. The diagnosis was leukemia. I spent many hours with my mom, and it was a time of deep stress. So, I was surprised when I would fall asleep while praying at bedtime each night. Upon awakening one morning, I opened an e-mail and there was a newsletter update from my daughter who was serving the Lord in S.E. Asia. It was filled with encouragement and news that was a very definite answer to prayer. That’s what I mean by our God being a God of balance. When discouraged, there is often a ray of sunshine to remind us that God is a loving faithful Father who cares deeply for His children. My mom passed away a short time later which was a hard thing, but God in His mercy brought me into a closer relationship with her as I helped with her care. There were lessons learned about love, so again out of sorrow came blessing.

The Apostle Paul exhorts us to rejoice in all circumstances and to be anxious for nothing. We must consciously decide not to dwell on the negative circumstances but to focus on the many times that God has proven faithful. How reassuring it is to know that God never changes, He never fails. He never goes back on His promises. **“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God”** (Deut. 7:9).

At times we may forget His faithfulness. When trials and testing come, it may seem as if God has surely forgotten us. It has been my experience that one doesn’t have to wait very long to experience joy amid the tears or sunshine after the rain. That’s what I mean by balance ... yes there is often bad news around the corner, but there’s also good news. The good news is this ... we serve a Faithful God who is available to all who call upon Him.

Do you have a prayer concern you'd like to submit to share with AGC churches nationwide? If so, e-mail it to the AGC Office at sue@agcofcanada.com