

“Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5: 17,18).

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1st **Rev. Rob Cochrane** as he shares God’s Word today with the congregation of **Estevan Gospel Chapel, Estevan, SK.**
Rev. Lorne Meisner as he ministers to the congregation at **Grace Bible Church, Dauphin, MB.**

2nd **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del and Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout Quebec.

3rd **AGC West Associate Regional Director, Rev. Lorne and Esther Meisner** as Lorne gives leadership to our churches in Manitoba.

4^t **First responders and medical and mental health workers** who have been pushed to the limits with the many natural disasters that have taken place here in Canada and around the world. We pray also for those who have lost their loved ones and/or their homes.

5th **AOK Church, Aundek Omni Kaning, ON.** Pray that more people will hear and respond to the gospel message and know the love of Christ.

6th **AGC West Regional Director, Rev. Rob and Wendy Cochrane** as Rob gives leadership to our Western churches.

7th **Alex & Amber Bojórquez (Pastor at Maryfield AGC, Maryfield, SK).** Their son Leonardo is improving with prayer appreciated for the medical decisions to determine next steps towards surgery.

8th **Pastor Joe Sorgen** is being ordained today! We celebrate with the friends and family of **Rev. Joe Sorgen and wife Joell** and the congregation of **Church of the Open Bible, Swift Current, SK.**

9th *Thanksgiving Day! “But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:57).* — The **AGC** office is closed today.

10th The **AGC National Board Meetings** which are taking place today through Thursday under the leadership of **Moderator, Rev. Win Bowman.**


11th The **AGC National Board Meetings** and our Board Members:
Rev. Win Bowman (Moderator), Rev. Tim Nicholson (Vice-Moderator), Rev. Myron Friesen, Rev. Greg Alderton, Rev. Ken Godon, Rev. Virgil Jones, Rev. Dr. George Boyd, Rev. Phil Houston, Lois Ouellette.


12th The **AGC National Board Meetings**, for wisdom and discernment as decisions are made and for safe travels home. We appreciate the many volunteer hours that are given in service to our Lord by the members of our National Board and all our other volunteer committees ... and we say, **THANK YOU!**


13th **Rev. Dr. Paul and LaFaye Brittain** as Paul ministers in his role as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials.**

14th **Pastor Jeff and Alanna Peacock and family (Pastor of Somerset Bible Chapel, Somerset, MB.)** Pray for renewed health and strength for Jeff as continues to struggle with serious health issues related to cancer.

15th **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.

16th The **AGC**  program that is taking place this week. May God bless the facilitators: Bill Allan, Tom Lambshead, John Garner, Rob Cochrane, Lorne Meisner, Del Gibbons, & Paul Brittain.

17th The **AGC**  program. May it be a time of deep enrichment for the ten pastors from ten different **AGC** churches who are participating.

18th The **AGC**  program. We pray that relationships will be formed that will be a source of great encouragement to each attendee.

19th **Susan Davis, AGC Compassion and Justice Coordinator**, as she serves our Lord. Pray that more churches will start the adventure of sponsoring a refugee family.

20th **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.

21st The **AGC planning committees and staff** who are meeting and planning the details for the **2024 AGC East and AGC West Regional Conferences.**

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



- 23rd 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.**
- 24th **Missionaries** who dedicate themselves to spreading the Gospel both here at home and around the world.
- 25th **AGC East Regional Director, Rev. Dr. Tom and Karen Lamshead** as Tom ministers to our churches throughout Ontario and Nova Scotia.
- 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. Living Hope Bible Church, Prince Albert, SK. Crossroads Community Church, Calgary, AB.**
- 27th **AGC Administrative Assistant/Finance Manager, Donna Leung** as she serves our **AGC** staff and our churches.
- 28th The **Quebec Leader's gathering** taking place today at **Église Évangélique de Lachute, Lachute, QC.**
- 29th **Rev. Rob Cochrane** as he shares today and tomorrow at a missions' conference at **Silver Heights Bible Church, Weyburn, SK.**
Rev. Lorne Meisner as he shares God's Word at **Somerset Bible Chapel, Somerset, MB.**
- 30th **AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page** as she serves our **AGC** staff and our churches.
- 31st Safety as many children go door to door in their neighbourhoods this evening. Pray for our churches who hold special outreach events on this occasion.

Give Thanks

Thanksgiving is a beautiful season to focus on the harvest, the bounty, and the beauty that nature displays in vibrant, amazing colours. Traditionally we may gather with family and friends around a table laden with turkey, stuffing, sweet potato casserole, and pumpkin pie with that extra dab of whipped cream. Another tradition that may be shared around the table is expressing what we are thankful for before saying the blessing over the meal.

Did I just describe a scene from a typical Hallmark movie? What if our life isn't all sunshine and roses? What if we had to go to a food bank for our Thanksgiving supplies? How could we be grateful if our home, or our land and crops were wiped out by fire, hail, floods, or a tornado? What if the loved one who had shared the table with us last year is no longer present? How easy it may be to say an obligatory "thank you" to God when our needs are abundantly met, but can we keep an attitude of gratitude in the hard and lean times ... and will we? We all experience times in life when the words *"in everything give thanks"* will present a challenge.

There is an example in Scripture which shows that often, even in our abundance, we neglect to take the time to remember that every good and perfect gift comes from God. In Luke's Gospel account (ch.17), we read that Jesus was travelling between Samaria and Galilee towards a village where ten men who had leprosy stood at a distance and begged Him to pity them. Jesus told them to show themselves to the priests and as they went, they were cleansed. Can you imagine how that played out? The ugly ulcers and horrible skin lesions that had covered their bodies disappeared as they were walking. They experienced it together, as a group, but only one of these men, a Samaritan, returned to give thanks. He could be heard from a distance, praising God before he fell at Jesus' feet in worship and thanksgiving. Jesus told the man that his faith had made him well. Jesus asked where the others were as He pointed out that this man, a foreigner, was the only one who came to express gratitude for his healing. Can we surmise that this display of ingratitude saddened the heart of Jesus?

May our attitude of gratitude not be limited to a single day. Let's take the time to slow down and focus on how blessed we are. *"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful"* (Colossians 3:15).

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Susan Page, Church Relations Coordinator

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