

Let us pray for one another! "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working" (James 5:16).

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1st Canada Day! God bless our land, glorious and free!
- 2nd We thank God for the blessings that took place at **AGC WEST REGIONAL ESSENTIALS CONFERENCE** and **AGC EAST REGIONAL refresh & EQUIP CONFERENCE**. Pray that time spent in God's Word while growing in community as a family of **AGC** churches will have lasting impact.
- 3rd **AGC President, Rev. Bill** and **Michele Allan**. May God give Bill wisdom, discernment and guidance as he gives direction to our **AGC National team** and to our churches throughout Canada. Pray for Bill and Michele as they enjoy some holiday time together this month.
- 4th Those across Canada who have lost or experienced damage to their homes through flooding or fires. Let's support one another in prayer during these times of stress.
- 5th Rest and renewal throughout the summer.
- 6th **Brenda Pullman and family, Winnipeg (South Pointe)** as they continue to grieve the loss of Loren.
- 7th **Rev. Tom Lamshead** as he shares today from God's Word with the congregation of **People's Gospel Church, Markham, ON**.
- 8th **Executive Director of Fair Havens Ministries, Liz** and **John Thompson** as Liz and the staff are in their busy summer camp season with many programs and activities including Relationship Support Ministries with sessions on marriage, parenting, grief and family life topics.
- 9th Our churches who are heavily involved in **VBS** and **summer day camp programs**.
- 10th **AGC West Associate Regional Director, Rev. Lorne** and **Esther Meisner** as Lorne ministers to our churches in **Manitoba**.
- 11th **Shirley and Keith D'Eall (Crossroads Community Church, Calgary AB.)** Shirley had a serious fall and is recovering from a broken wrist and severely broken leg. Pray that her bones will become stronger as she has been diagnosed with osteoporosis.
- 12th **Pastor Frank Humphrey** and wife **Daria** from **Peoples Church, Montreal**. We pray for Frank's comfort, both spiritual and physical.
- 13th **Rev. Charles-Henri** and **Lise Côté**. We ask prayer for wisdom to fulfill God's will in caring for the Francophone Churches in QC and ON and for continued health and strength as we navigate through some health issues.
Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC
- 14th **Rev. Glenn** and **Bonnie Rider** as Glenn carries out his responsibilities as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.
- 15th Our **Community Dinner** held every Tuesday evening, that we will have opportunity to share the message of Christ. **Calvary Church, Toronto, ON**
- 16th **AGC Administrative Assistant/Finance Manager, Donna Leung** and **AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page**. For **Donna's** son, **Jacob** as he struggles with serious health issues.
- 17th **Connect Community Church, Hamilton, ON** as we continue to grow in community.
- 18th The **relief efforts** of churches and aid agencies throughout the world. Pray for **Susan and Tim Davis** as Susan leads the **AGC Compassion and Justice ENDS**.
- 19th **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del** and **Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.
- 20th The couples conference led by **Rev. John Woodward** that **Peoples Church of Montreal** is hosting today.
- 21st **Rev. Tom Lamshead** is preaching and doing a leadership seminar at **Maplecreek Community Church, Dunnville, ON**. **Rev. Russ Wilson** will be speaking at **Calvary Church** in **Saskatoon, SK**.
- 22nd **Rev. Russ** and **Sue Wilson** in his role as **AGC West Regional Director**. Continue to pray for Russ, he appreciates our prayers for healing.
- 23rd **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB** that parents and teens will avail themselves of free rides to youth events and that teens will respond to the message of salvation and begin their own personal relationships with God.



- 24th **Rev. Jim and Carolyn Houston** *"For now, we are enjoying semi-retirement and continue to wait on the Lord and trust Him for His timing, and for His good will to be done. Our heartfelt thanks for your love and prayers extended to us, and to the Lord on our behalf."*
- 25th Our **Hope Project** street ministry. Every Thursday we go downtown Hamilton and serve those in need. **Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON**
- 26th **Rev. Mike and Heather Mileski**, as Mike leads **Benediction Church**, an **AGC** church plant in **Hamilton, ON**. Please pray that this summer will be a time of mission. Please cover us in prayer so that we can love and serve our neighbours.
- 27th **Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB**, as we look to God's direction in choosing a pastoral intern to serve with our current lead pastor.
- 28th **AGC East Regional Director, Rev. Tom and Karen Lamshead** as Tom ministers to our churches throughout Ontario.
- 29th The men's breakfast in **Aundeck Omni Kaning** at the 4 Directions Centre on Saturday mornings this summer. This is one of the few ministries in the community where we will be allowed to clearly share the gospel.
Jonathan & Carmi Edralin
- 30th Our weekly **Children's and Youth Ministries**. We pray that many young people will come to faith in Christ through these ministries. **Biggar AGC Church, Biggar, SK**
- 31st As summer quickly passes the AGC National team is already in the planning stages for **AGC National Conference 2020**, being held in beautiful **Kelowna, B.C.!** Stay tuned and be in prayer as we plan to celebrate the **AGC's 95th birthday!**

Let's be Reasonable

There is an often-repeated scripture found in the book of Philipians. The Apostle Paul addressing the church at Philippi wrote, ***"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone."*** In the NIV translation it reads ***"Let your gentleness be known to all."*** The Amplified Bible gives even more descriptive phrasing; ***"Let your gentle spirit [your graciousness, unselfishness, mercy, tolerance, and patience] be known to all people."***

I want to lean into this text. It is challenging to my soul. Would any of these adjectives be used when referring to my daily interactions? Am I known by peers, colleagues and friends as a reasonable person? How about the traits I display with family, those nearest and dearest to me? Do I display a spirit of unselfishness? Let's be clear, I'm not seeking compliments, I'm doing some soul-searching, and it hurts. Keep in mind that how we view ourselves is often very different from how others see us. Frequently, the world does not consider Christ-followers as reasonable people at all. Do we ever come across as intolerant and impatient, a people lacking in mercy? Maybe all we need to land on is our driving habits or our intolerance of people who are not on our most favoured list. It doesn't appear that Paul is merely suggesting that we try to be reasonable. There isn't a lot of give here. Making flimsy excuses like, ***"well, I'm tired, or I'm fed-up, or they deserved it"*** when acting in a way that is not Christ-pleasing won't cut it.

Paul goes on to write beautiful words of encouragement to believers. He tells us to not be anxious. Relaxed people tend to be grace-filled people. He expresses our need to be in prayer making our requests to God with thanksgiving. Thankful people, who are trusting God to supply their needs are more likely to be merciful to others. Paul goes on to say that we will be filled with the peace of God which is simply beyond our understanding. This peace is what will guard our hearts (emotions) and minds (attitude) in Christ Jesus. In other words, this peace will so saturate our spirits that our behaviour will be positively impacted.

The apostle states that we must focus our thoughts on things that are true, honorable, just, pure and lovely; things that are excellent and worthy of praise. It's impossible to be miserable and intolerant of others if we are focused on God-honouring things. If all this sounds too difficult, well it should, because it is ... if we attempt it in our own strength. Thankfully, God gives us the strength to be all that He calls us to be. As we remain in Him, our reasonableness will be known to everyone!

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