

Let us pray for one another! As you pray for the requests listed, perhaps you will be inspired to send an e-mail of encouragement to someone.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1st **ImmanuEL Christian Ministries, Mississauga, ON** under the leadership of **Pastor Rogelio Agbuya (Lourdes)**, for preparation and celebration of their **3rd Anniversary** on **September 16th** at **4:00 p.m.** We pray for numerical and spiritual growth, that our members be obedient to the Great Commission.
- 2nd **Outbound City Church, Mississauga, ON (Pastor Jonathan Edralin (Carmi))**, as they thank God for their trip to Wikwemikong as 52 kids came out for day camp. Pray for these children that the impact of the ministry will bear fruit.
- 3rd **Eglise Evangélique Galilée (Pastor Gedeus Fortuné)** as they celebrate their annual Harvest meetings. Psalm 149:1
We rejoice in God's provision of new office space which is being dedicated to the Lord today. **Simply Church, Waterloo, ON**
- 4th **LABOUR DAY!**
Pastor Tim Wai (Christina) from **Simply Church, Waterloo, ON** who has been diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer. Tim has had surgery and will be having chemotherapy.
- 5th **AGC President, Dr. Bill Fietje (Lois)**. May God give Bill wisdom, discernment and guidance as he leads and gives direction to our **AGC** National team and to our churches throughout Canada.
- 6th **AGC Administrative Assistant/Finance Director, Donna Leung** and **AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page** as they minister in their roles at the **AGC** National Office.
- 7th Our **Community Dinner** held every Tuesday evening, that we will have opportunity to share the message of Christ. **Calvary Church, Toronto, ON**
- 8th The transitional time as our interim **Canada East Superintendent, Rev. Tom Lamshead (Karen)** prepares for his new role.
- 9th **Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON**, that we may be able to reach our community with Christ's love.
Russ Wilson as he facilitates leadership training with the elders at **Swift Current Church of the Open Bible**.
- 10th **Church of the Open Bible, Swift Current, SK** as they celebrate the Ordination of their **Youth Pastor, Jerred Andreas**.
Eglise Evangélique Capernaüm (Pastor Loubert Louissaint) as they celebrate their annual Harvest meetings. Psalm 150:1-2
- 11th **Rev. Laird Crump (Joey)** as he transitions from his role as **AGC Superintendent for Canada East**. Laird begins his role as **Lead Pastor at The Campus, Aurora, ON**.
- 12th **Rev. Russ Wilson (Sue)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent for Canada West**. Today **Russ** will be meeting with the **Saskatchewan Denominational District Superintendents**.
- 13th For the **AGC Executive Meeting** taking place today at National Office. The **AGC Northern Saskatchewan Ministry Leader's Gathering** taking place today at **Calvary Church, Saskatoon, SK**.
- 14th The **AGC Manitoba Ministry Leader's Gathering** taking place today at **Gladstone Christian Fellowship, Gladstone, MB**.
- 15th The **AGC Southern Saskatchewan Ministry Leader's Gathering** taking place today at **Carnduff AGC Church, Carnduff, SK**.
- 16th **Trinity Bible Church, Canmore, AB** as they celebrate the induction of their new **Pastor, Shawn Franklin**.
- 17th **The Rock, Woodstock, ON** as they celebrate the induction of their new **Pastor, Rev. Dr. George Boyd (Cynthia)**.
- 18th **Rev. Glenn Rider (Bonnie)**, ministering as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.
- 19th **Meadow Creek Community Church, Hamilton, ON**, as we try to reach our community for Christ and a fresh vision from God about our future.
AGC Canada West Council Meetings taking place today and tomorrow in **Saskatoon, SK**.
- 20th **Countryside Community Church, (an AGC Church Plant), Oro-Medonte, ON**, as they continue to impact their community for Christ.



- 21st **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del Gibbons (Barb)** as he ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.
For renewal for our church that we may see conversions and new disciples.
Église Évangélique de Deux-Montagnes, Montreal, QC
- 22nd Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz Thompson (John)** as we praise God for the ministry of **Fair Havens**.
- 23rd *women's weekend away – ROOTED & Loved!* Pray for the many women who are attending this sold out weekend at **Fair Havens Ministries**.
- 24th **Kathy Butryn** guest speaker at *women's weekend away – ROOTED & Loved!* & **Laura Scarborough**, guest worship leader.
- 25th **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB**, as we continue to look to the Lord for a Youth Pastor.
- 26th Those in our **AGC** family who are facing serious health issues: **Pastor Frank Humphrey (Daria)** and family from **Peoples Church in Montreal**, as Frank battles against a consistent infection.
- 27th **Elva** (wife of **Pastor Wayne Foster**) and family as **Elva** needs prayer for daily strength and encouragement. Elva and Wayne continue to rest in the Lord's hands.
- 28th **AGC Canada West Associate Superintendent Rev. Lorne Meisner (Esther)** as he ministers to our churches in **Manitoba**.
- 29th For wisdom and fruit in peoples' lives as the church is meeting in groups in several homes. **Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC**
- 30th **Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB**, that the Lord would oversee and direct us as we engage a pastoral intern from **Sept. 2017 until June 2018**.
Our **125th Anniversary Homecoming Event of the Century!** Held today at Eastwood Park, Hamilton, ON. **Philpott Memorial Church, Hamilton, ON**

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

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

Wounded Healer

The work of God's Spirit never ceases to amaze me. The lessons that God desires to impart come exactly at the right time. Often, when I hear a Bible passage, it will show up multiple times during the next several days, weeks and months. Time and again it's a message that God wants to imprint on my heart.

I recently experienced God's loving touch while struggling with some news that re-opened old wounds. Tearing off scabs can be very ugly and painful. My mind would return to thoughts that could only lead to bitterness and anger. A bitter angry person is not who I want to be. I was reading the book *Two Steps Forward* by Sharon Garlough Brown when the Spirit of God ministered to my heart. I read, "It hurts in a very deep, empty place and I know that if I don't keep the wound clean by naming it to You, it will become a nesting place for bitterness and self-pity and resentment and disappointment. I don't want my wound to become infected. Maybe there's healing just in being honest. This is where I am, Lord. Please meet me here." I closed the book and just meditated on that thought.

I also get great comfort and inspiration from the writings of Henry Nouwen. Here is the devotional that I read during the same time-period.

Nobody escapes being wounded. We all are wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually. The main question is not "How can we hide our wounds?" so we don't have to be embarrassed, but "How can we put our woundedness in the service of others?" When our wounds cease to be a source of shame, and become a source of healing, we have become wounded healers. Jesus is God's wounded healer: through His wounds we are healed. Jesus' suffering and death brought joy and life. His humiliation brought glory; His rejection brought a community of love. As followers of Jesus we can also allow our wounds to bring healing to others.

"Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12: 8-10

Listening to Charles Stanley on my way to work this morning, I was overcome with amazement when these same verses were his text. My Wounded Healer, I'm listening. Thank-you Jesus.