

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 Those who are travelling! **HAPPY CANADA DAY!**
- 2nd With thanksgiving to God for our **AGC 2016 National Conference, Banff, AB** which took place from **June 2 to 4**. To God be the Glory!
- 3rd We rejoice with **Centro Cristiano de la Familia de Montreal**, on the **5th Anniversary** celebrations for their congregation.
- 4th **Calvary Church, Toronto, ON** as we partner with **Operation Mobilization** for the "Toronto Challenge" July 31 – Aug. 7th. This is a one-week intensive cross-cultural mission where we learn the basics of Islam, Hinduism, Judaism and Secular Humanism. We will be doing daily outreaches to our neighbouring communities which is home to over 24,000 Muslims.
- 5th **Outbound City Church, Mississauga, ON (Pastor Jonathan Edralin (Carmi))**, as they look for a new Outbound Centre. The building in which they are currently meeting will be torn down and they are looking for new space.
- 6th Those who mourn: **Glenda DeVries (Fred), Care & Discipleship Pastor, Compass Point Bible Church, Burlington, ON**, as she mourns the passing of her mother. **Russ Wilson (Sue), Superintendent for Canada West** as Sue and family mourn the sudden tragic passing of her brother. **John Garner (Peggi), Lead Pastor, Redeemer Bible Church, Niagara Falls, ON**, mourning the passing of John's mother.
- 7th **Meadow Creek Community Church, Hamilton, ON**, as we rejoice with thanksgiving for answered prayers. God is faithful!
- 8th **Pastor Frank Humphrey (Daria) and family** from **Peoples Church in Montreal**. Frank and Daria continue to be a testimony to God's faithfulness and grace.
- 9th **Rev. Laird Crump (Joey)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent for Canada East**.
- 10th **Donna Leung** and the team from **Compass Point Bible Church, Burlington, ON** as they minister next week at day camps on the Wahgoshig First Nation reservation near Kirkland Lake, ON.

- 11th Our churches that are holding **VBS** and **Day Camp** programs.
- 12th **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB** as we rejoice with thanksgiving to the Lord for enabling us to continue with missionary projects and for abundantly meeting our financial needs.
- 13th **Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB**, that we would know the Holy Spirit at work within our lives.
- 14th **Rev. Russ Wilson (Sue)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent for Canada West**.
- 15th **Mount Pleasant Bible Church, Mount Pleasant, ON** - that new people will come through our doors and feel a warm welcome.
- 16th **Faith Gospel Church, Hamilton, ON** as we thank God for His continuing faithfulness.
- 17th Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz Thompson (John)**.
- 18th The ministry at **Wikwemikong Fellowship, Manitowaning, ON**. *That God's presence will be felt and that through the power of His Spirit, hearts and lives will be changed.*
- 19th **Rev. Glenn Rider (Bonnie)**, ministering as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**. **Donna Leung** and **Susan Page** as they minister in their roles at the **AGC National Office**.
- 20th **Countryside Community Church, (an AGC Church Plant), Oro-Medonte, ON, (Pastor Josh Davy (Kerri))** as they continue to impact their community for Christ.
- 21st The **AGC** search committee as they pray for God's direction in selecting our next **AGC President** (2018).
- 22nd Those in our **AGC** family who are facing serious health issues. **Pastor Laird Hamilton (Mary)** from **Grace Community Church, Shawville, QC** appreciates our prayer support as Laird continues to undergo cancer treatments. **Sarah Gaensler**, (daughter of **Pastor Greg** and **Marion Gaensler, Calvary Church, Smiths Falls**) as she has further cancer treatment. **Rev. Denis Arcand (Johanne)** and family as they continue to deal with health concerns. **Rev. Lane Fusilier (debi), Sr. Pastor of Philpott Memorial Church, Hamilton, ON** as **debi** is undergoing chemotherapy treatment.



- 23rd **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del Gibbons (Barb)** as he ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.
- 24th **AGC President, Rev. 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.
- 25th The salvation of Quebec's people – 8.3 million lost souls. That our brethren at **Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC** may be faithful in their walk with the Lord.
- 26th The **AGC** as they continue to investigate a Sponsorship Agreement (SAH) with Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). Questions? **Contact:** support@agcrsi.org
- 27th Those who are enjoying **vacation time**, for safety and refreshment.
- 28th **Fair Havens** very special **staff** as they prepare for the **75th Anniversary** celebrations!
- 29th **Bill Fietje** as he prepares to speak at the **75th Anniversary** celebrations for **Fair Havens**.
- 30th **Fair Havens** as they celebrate their **75th Anniversary** year. **The celebrations take place July 30th through August 6th!**
- 31st Our **country**, our **President** and our **world leaders**.

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 or mail it to 1500 Kerns Rd., Burlington, ON L7P 3A7

Knowing God

Recently, my daughter was sharing with me her excitement over the privilege of taking a seminary class which was being taught by J.I. Packer. Wow, I hadn't heard his name in years.

Back in the seventies, while employed at a Christian Bookstore, I recall selling multiple copies of J.I. Packer's book, *Knowing God*. I thought that after this length of time, he must be well advanced in years, so I was surprised to hear this news from my daughter.

In an on-line post (Jan.2016), *Christianity Today* revealed that Packer, (aged 89) has persevered as he has gone through the challenges resulting from macular degeneration, a leading cause of vision loss.

"He is unable to read, and therefore he will be unable to travel and speak. Because so much of his writing involves initial working with a ballpoint pen and blank paper, he is also unable to write." Packer's reaction: "God knows what He is doing," and "some good, something for His glory, is going to come out of it." In an [exclusive interview](#) with The Gospel Coalition (TGC), the [Knowing God](#) author reflects: "I find it more possible to concentrate on God Himself and His plans, purposes, and performance than I used to do. I suppose that all these things have rooted themselves more deeply in my mind and heart. And I trust there's less superficiality than there used to be." Packer told TGC that his final words to the church would be: "Glorify Christ every way."

He goes on to say: "How should we view the onset of old age? The common assumption is that it is mainly a process of loss, whereby strength is drained from both mind and body and the capacity to look forward and move forward in life's various departments is reduced to nothing.... But here the Bible breaks in, highlighting the further thought that spiritual ripeness is worth far more than material wealth in any form, and that spiritual ripeness should continue to increase as one gets older."

Food for thought for sure, especially as we are all experiencing the onset of age in one form or another. I pray for that spiritual ripeness as the process continues.

My daughter spoke of J.I. Packer with great admiration, particularly pointing out his quiet and humble spirit as he teaches a small class of ten seminary students. Here is a man who people can truly see ... *Knows God*.