

Let us pray for one another! As you pray for the requests listed, why not send an e-mail of encouragement to someone.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1st **Oh Canada** glorious and free! Pray for the leaders of our beautiful nation as we celebrate together!
- 2nd Safe travels as people enjoy **Canada Day** celebrations!
The 2018 **Onward Gospel Church VBS, Verdun, QC** which will be taking place each Sunday of July.
- 3rd **Rev. Jonathan and Carmi Edralin**, of **Outbound City Church, Mississauga, ON** as they follow God's call to ministry on **Manitoulin Island** by Sept. 2018. Please pray for their moving logistics. They need to rent a truck and drive 600 kms.
- 4th We give thanks to God for the wonderful time of worship and celebration we experienced at our **AGC National Conference**.
- 5th For the **AGC National Team** as they transition together, that God will unite them in the mission and ministry to which they have been called.
- 6th **AGC President, Rev. Bill Allan (Michele)**. May God give Bill wisdom, discernment and guidance as he gives direction to our **AGC National team**.
- 7th **Peoples Church of Montreal, QC** as our monthly outreach takes place today where we prepare and deliver sandwiches and other small food items to the homeless men and women in downtown Montreal.
- 8th **Philpott Memorial Church** as they celebrate the credentialing of **Kelvin and Jan Mutter**.
- 9th **AGC East Regional Director, Dr. Tom Lamshead (Karen)** as he ministers to our churches.
- 10th Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz Thompson (John)** as we are amid the busy season at **Fair Havens**.
- 11th **Rev. Russ Wilson (Sue)** in his role as **AGC West Regional Director**.

- 12th Our Hope Project street ministry. Every Thursday we go downtown Hamilton and serve those in need. Please pray for the people we meet. We have met people who are homeless, others who struggle with mental illness and/or addiction. They are loved by God and as a church we want to share the message of the gospel with them.
Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON
- 13th **Pastor Frank Humphrey (Daria) and family** from **Peoples Church in Montreal**. Frank is considerably weaker.
- 14th **AGC Quebec Regional Director, Rev. Del Gibbons (Barb)** as he ministers to our pastors and churches.
- 15th **Lakeshore Community Fellowship, Sutton, ON** today as we welcome the congregation into the AGC family of churches and rejoice as their Pastor **Josiah Kenniphaas** is inducted.
- 16th **Countryside Community Church, (an AGC Church Plant), Oro-Medonte, ON**, as they continue to impact their community for Christ.
- 17th **Benediction Church**, an **AGC** church plant in **Hamilton, ON** for spiritual protection for the families who serve and for a larger worship venue as they move to weekly services this fall.
- 18th Continued wisdom for our leadership and clarity of vision and purpose among our congregation as we begin a time of transition and search for a lead pastor.
Northside Community Church, Kitchener, ON
- 19th **Rev. Glenn Rider (Bonnie)**, ministering as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.
- 20th The leadership of **Southside Bible Church, Winnipeg, MB** as they explore options for their future.
- 21st Churches holding **Day Camps** and **VBS** ministries.
- 22nd The congregation at **Calvary Church, Saskatoon, SK** are celebrating the **AGC Ordination of missionary, David Ruten**.
- 23rd **Rev. Glenn and Bonnie Rider** as they are facing some health concerns.



- 24th That **Rev. Charles-Henri and Lise Côté** will accomplish God's will for their missionary work in Quebec. Also pray that the **Blainville Church** will be blessed with more disciples. **Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC**
- 25th **AGC West Associate Regional Director Rev. Lorne Meisner (Esther)** as he ministers to our churches in **Manitoba**.
- 26th **Donna and Susan** in their roles at **AGC National office**.
- 27th Praise the Lord for the impact of **Caleb Semenyna's** pastoral internship at **Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB** these past 10 months. Please pray that he and Hannah will know the blessing of the Lord as they marry on Sept. 8th.
- 28th **Rev. John Estabrooks (Jennifer)** and **Crossroads Community Church, Calgary, AB** as John concludes his ministry there at the end of this month. Pray that God would grant discernment, peace and courage during this time of transition.
- 29th **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB**, that God will move us as a congregation to pray as we have never prayed before for our community, our province and our nation.
- 30th **Waterford Bible Church, Waterford, ON** has a theme verse this year: **"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord Almighty!"** (Zechariah 4:6) Their prayer for 2018 is for a great outpouring of God's Spirit.
- 31st The family of **Rev. John Ginter** who passed away last month.

"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 share with **AGC** churches Nation-wide? If so, e-mail it to the AGC Office at sue@agcofcanada.com*

Abide in Christ

We've just returned from an amazing AGC National Conference in beautiful Niagara Falls where our focus was on the theme Abide - **"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing"** (John 15:5). What a wonderful opportunity to sit under the ministry of Dr. Rick Reed as by God's Spirit he led us deeper into what it means to abide in Christ.

In clearing out some files the other day, I came across this writing which the late Rev. Rick Hayden had written in his blog. I believe it was written after he received his cancer diagnosis. Rick was an amazing example of someone who bore fruit for God's Kingdom. However, when one is laid aside, especially someone who is so active in ministry, it can be a redefining moment. Some of the deepest truths come to us as we pass through the lowest valleys. As we read Rick's words, we can focus on the meaning of what it means to simply abide.

"But being productive is just part of who I am and when I can't be productive I question my worth. Now, I know I must work on that and perhaps that's part of what God wants me to learn in this. Our value and worth are not tied up in what we can produce but when you are a doer these are the kind of things you must work through and they remind you that your worth is centred in the unconditional love and acceptance that is found only in Christ. These are sometimes hard lessons because they go against everything that is natural and normal for you. Sometimes God allows this tension so that you can re-centre your life. Ministry is not the centre of our lives. Productivity is not the centre of our lives. Christ is at the centre. He is our strength. He is our all in all."

**Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me.** St. Patrick 377 A.D.

We can thank Dr. Rick Reed and Pastor Rick Hayden one day when we abide together with Christ for all eternity.