

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 Our churches who are heavily involved in **VBS** and **summer day camp programs**.
- 2nd **Fairview Gospel Chapel, AB** as they require helping hands to have an effective outreach during their **Vacation Bible School** at Fairview in the mornings and at Whitelaw in the afternoons from **Aug. 12-16th**.
- 3rd We mourn with those in our **AGC** family who are grieving the loss of a loved one. **Rev. George and Cynthia Boyd (The Rock Community Church, Woodstock, ON)** in the passing of Cynthia's mother.
- 4th We rejoice today with **Chinese Gospel Church of Toronto** and the family and friends of **Kevin and Shawna Houser** as Kevin's Ordination is recognized and affirmed within the **AGC**. Welcome to the **AGC** family!
- 5th **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.
- 6th Please continue to pray for **Carolyn and Jim Houston** as they have a long road of recovery ahead following Jim's liver transplant. They are very grateful for their **AGC** family and the many who are upholding them in prayer.
- 7th We mourn with those in our **AGC** family who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The **Wahl** family and the congregation of **Gleichen Community Church, AB** in the passing of **Pastor Dan Wahl**. **Brenda Pullman** in the passing of her husband, Loren.
- 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 **Rev. Daniel and Wendy Winter (Calvary Church, Toronto)** as they grieve the loss of Wendy's only sibling, her dear sister. Also pray as they care for Wendy's mom.
- 10th **AGC West Associate Regional Director, Rev. Lorne and Esther Meisner** as Lorne ministers to our churches in **Manitoba**.
- 11th **Rev Keith and Shirley 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 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!** Pray for the staff today as they gather together to share and pray.
- 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 **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del and Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.
- 18th **Rev. Bill Allan** is sharing from the Word at **The Rock Community Church, Woodstock, ON**.
- 19th 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.
- 20th **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**

- 21st The **relief efforts** of churches and aid agencies throughout the world. Pray for **Susan and Tim Davis** as Susan leads **AGC Compassion and Justice**.
- 22nd **Rev. Russ and Sue Wilson** in his role as **AGC West Regional Director**.
- 23rd **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB** that the Lord will continue to supply us with enough godly leaders to work with our children and youth.
- 24th Rest and renewal as summer quickly passes.
- 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 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 Lambshead** 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 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 Our **AGC** churches as they prepare for fall programming to start.

His Voice

It moves me to tenderness to watch a newborn baby respond to the voice of their parent. They don't necessarily understand the words, but they know the voice. It is familiar, it is safe. I would go so far as to say the parent's voice is a sweet sound to the child's ears.

I've noticed on my nature hikes that birdwatchers hear and identify the sounds of certain birds. I do not. While I love to observe birds and take photographs of them, I do not recognize the individual sounds of the various breeds. Yet, a well-trained birdwatcher does. This has taken an investment of time ... many hours devoted to listening and discerning the different nuances in the sounds of the multiple varieties of birds.

There is a story about a shepherd who demonstrated to a group of school children how to call his sheep. He told them what and how to say the words to get the sheep to respond. One by one each child tried, with no success. As soon as the shepherd called the sheep, they responded. They knew the shepherd's voice.

Jesus said, **"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me"** (John 10:27). There's a beautiful promise in God's Word that assures us that when we respond to God's voice, He will enter our lives and have fellowship with us. **"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with Me"** (Revelation 3:20).

This is not a one-sided relationship. Throughout the Scriptures we are told that God listens to us, He knows our voice. Therefore, we can have conversations with God, just like we do with our best friends. The closer we get to God, the more readily we recognize His voice. The psalmist had great faith that God was listening to his voice, **"In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From His temple He heard my voice; my cry came before Him, into His ears** (Psalm 18:6). **"Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice"** (Psalm 55:17).

There is much comfort in the familiar sound of a loved one's voice, especially when we are experiencing profound pain and sorrow. There are voices which we immediately recognize, usually those who are nearest and dearest to us. There is no one whose love is greater, who longs to hear from us more than our Heavenly Father.

My heart's desire is to identify God's voice as readily as I do my loved ones. There's no voice I wish to be more attuned to, than the voice of my Maker. Lord, give me ears to hear Your still small voice and grant me the discipline to share my voice with You.

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