

“Let us pray for one another! Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thess. 5: 16 - 18

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1st The **AGC National team** as they plan for **AGC National Conference 2020**, being held in beautiful **Kelowna, B.C.** Stay tuned and be in prayer as we prepare to gather to fellowship & celebrate the **AGC's 95th birthday!**
- 2nd **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 our churches throughout Canada. **Bill** is preaching today at **Chinese Gospel Church, Scarborough, ON.**
- 3rd Thank the Lord for our successful Christmas outreach. We pray for wisdom in our endeavours to follow up on the contacts that were made. **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB.**
- 4th **Rev. Michel Caron** served the Lord as a member of the **AGC** in **Quebec.** After a few months of struggling with cancer, he went to be with the Lord. Pray for his wife Diane, his mother and the family.
- 5th **AGC GTA South Ministry Leaders Gathering** at **Bridletowne Park Church, Toronto, ON.**
- 6th **AGC Niagara/Burlington Ministry Leaders Gathering** at **Compass Point Bible Church, Burlington, ON.**
- 7th Regarding **Rockland Church**, pray for those souls who heard the Gospel at our Christmas concert. The new Church was encouraged by the presence of those who came. May our Father bless the seed which was planted for His glory. **Rev. Charles-Henri and Lise Côté, Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC**
- 8th **Liz and John Thompson** as Liz and the **Fair Havens** staff start planning for their busy season. Interviews for Stepping Stones staff will be taking place.
- 9th **Rev. Russ and Sue Wilson** as Russ ministers in his role as **AGC West Regional Director.**
- 10th Our **Hope Project** street ministry. Every Thursday we go downtown Hamilton and serve those in need. **Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON**

11th **AGC Eastern Ontario Ministry Leaders Gathering** at **The MET, Ottawa, ON.** Pray for the **AGC Staff Meeting** taking place today. May our team be guided by His Spirit and be united in purpose ... to be a movement of healthy reproducing churches!

12th **AGC Algoma Area Ministry Leaders Gathering** via Zoom. Pray for **Onward Gospel Church, Montreal**, as they offer English Courses. Pray that these classes will be used as an evangelistic tool to reach seekers.

13th **AGC South West Ontario Ministry Leaders Gathering** at **The Rock Community Church, Woodstock, ON.**

14th **Rev. Mike and Heather Mileski**, as Mike leads **Benediction Church**, an **AGC** church plant in **Hamilton, ON.** Please cover us in prayer as we love and serve our neighbours.



15th **AGC West Associate Regional Director, Rev. Lorne and Esther Meisner** as Lorne ministers to our churches in **Manitoba.**

16th **Pastor Warren and Ellen Charlton** and our congregation as we move through a year of transition. **Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB**

17th **Susan and Tim Davis** as Susan leads **AGC Compassion and Justice.** Pray for our **AGC family of churches** – that our eyes and hearts would be opened to the opportunities to show compassion. **FAMILY DAY!** – The AGC office is closed today.

18th **Rev. Glenn and Bonnie Rider** as Glenn carries out his responsibilities as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials.**

19th **AGC GTA North/Tourist Ministry Leaders Gathering** at **The Shire (Crump farm.)**

20th **Faith Gospel Church, Hamilton, ON.** We have a Wednesday morning outreach knitting/crocheting crafters group that makes blankets for cancer patients and baby sweaters/hats for worldwide distribution. Several unsaved ladies attend. Pray for their salvation.

21st **Administrative Assistant/Finance Manager, Donna Leung, and AGC Church Relations Coordinator/Benefits Manager, Susan Page.** Continue to pray for Donna's son, **Jacob.**



- 22nd **AGC East Regional Director, Rev. Dr. Tom and Karen Lamshead** as Tom ministers to our churches throughout **Ontario**.
- 23rd Our **Community Dinner** held every Tuesday evening, that we will have opportunity to share the message of Christ. **Calvary Church, Toronto, ON**
- 24th **AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del and Barb Gibbons** as Del ministers to our pastors and churches throughout **Quebec**.
- 25th **AGC National Summit Meetings.** National Board and Staff meetings taking place today through to the 27th at **Fair Havens Ministries**.
- 26th **AGC National Summit Meetings.** Continue to pray for these very strategic planning meetings.
- 27th **Lakeview Bible Chapel, Fraser Lake, BC** as they look for God's man to Pastor their congregation.
We continue to pray for those in our **AGC** family who are grieving. We uphold **Daria Humphrey** and her **family** as they grieve the loss of **Frank**.
- 28th **Biggar AGC Church, Biggar, SK.** That we would seek to love the Lord our God with all our being and that we would love one another in a fresh new way, showing the love of Jesus to those in our community and beyond.
- 29th We thank you for your prayers and support. Pray for the future of AOK church.
Rev. Jonathan & Carmi Edralin, AOK Church, Aundek Omni Kaning, ON

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

The God I Love

Have you ever experienced a time when challenges and trials cause you to have a restlessness deep within your soul? When we wrestle with unanswered prayers or dreams that have become nightmares, we often increase the pace of our activities to avoid the pain and doubt.

An activity that has both encouraged me and quieted my pace is reading biographies of people who have faced their dark own night of the soul. A recent treasure I came across is a memoir entitled *The God I Love* by Joni Eareckson Tada. Joni broke her neck in a diving accident in 1967 when she was only seventeen years old, resulting in quadriplegia. *The God I Love* tells of her early childhood and the lessons she learned following the accident. The book ends with a scene from a visit to the Holy Land where she and her husband Ken had traveled. They came upon a pool near the Sheep Gate, a pool called Bethesda where in biblical times sick people would lie hoping to be healed. Joni herself had visualized this scene in her mind many times as she repeatedly begged the Lord to heal her. In Joni's own words:

"Lord, your no answer to physical healing meant yes to a deeper healing – a better one. Your answer has bound me to other believers and taught me so much about myself. It's purged sin from my life, it's strengthened my commitment to You, forced me to depend on Your grace. Your wiser, deeper answer has stretched my hope, refined my faith, and helped me to know You better. And You are good."

Joni went on to say: "He had brought me to the Pool of Bethesda that I might make an altar of remembrance out of the ruins. That I might see and thank Him for the wiser choice, the better answer, the harder yet richer path. Ah, this is the God I love. The Centre, the Peacemaker, the Passport to adventure, the Joyride, and the Answer to all our deepest longings. The answer to all our fears, Man of Sorrows and Lord of Joy, always permitting what He hates, to accomplish something He loves."

This is so powerful and encouraging. The God I love chooses the best for me, even though it might have been a harder path. Perhaps we need to take the time to thank the Lord with an offering of remembrance as we recall how our trials have stretched our hope, refined our faith, and by His grace helped us know Him better. Yes, He is a good Father, this God we love. Like Joni, who faced further deep trials including chronic pain and two battles with cancer, we don't know what tomorrow may bring, but we know the God we love has the best plan and we can always depend on His grace to see us through.

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. Psalm 62:5