

*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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** – Wisdom for the leaders of **Église Évangélique Deux-Montagnes, QC (Pastor Jean-Michel Juste (Muriel))**. Pray for new conversions and a renewed ministry.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Our church, that we would know the Holy Spirit at work within our lives.  
**Two Hills Fellowship Chapel, Two Hills, AB**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Meadow Creek Community Church, Hamilton, ON**, as we try to reach our community for Christ.
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Lise and Charles Côté**, that health and strength will be granted so that they can work fully for the Lord as church planters in Quebec.  
**Église Évangélique de Blainville, QC**
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Outbound City Church, Mississauga, ON (Pastor Jonathan Edralin (Carmi))**, as they partner with Prison Fellowship, and for their new high school basketball outreach.
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Mary Hamilton** of **Grace Community Church, Shawville, QC** appreciates our prayer support as she and her family mourn the recent homegoing of **Laird**. Pray also for the church congregation as they have lost their beloved pastor and friend.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Those in our **AGC** family who are facing serious health issues: **debi, (wife of Rev. Lane Fusilier, Sr. Pastor of Philpott Memorial Church, Hamilton, ON)** as **debi** is waiting to hear whether she will need further cancer treatment. **Pastor Frank Humphrey (Daria)** and **family** from **Peoples Church in Montreal**. **Elva** (wife of **Pastor Wayne Foster**) and family as **Elva** needs prayer about a decision regarding further cancer treatment.
- 8<sup>th</sup> **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.
- 9<sup>th</sup> **Donna Leung** and **Susan Page** as they minister in their roles at the **AGC** National Office. **Rev. Glenn Rider (Bonnie)**, ministering as **AGC National Coordinator of Doctrine and Credentials**.

- 10<sup>th</sup> **Faith Gospel Church, Hamilton, ON** as we thank God for His continuing faithfulness.
- 11<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Russ Wilson (Sue)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent** for **Canada West**.
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB**, for wisdom in preparing a church brochure to be used in outreach. Pray for the **AGC Executive meeting** taking place today.
- 13<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Laird Crump (Joey)** in his role as **AGC Superintendent** for **Canada East**.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Our **Community Dinner** held every Tuesday evening, that we will have opportunity to share the message of Christ. **Calvary Church, Toronto, ON**
- 15<sup>th</sup> **C4 Church, Ajax, ON** upon the induction of **Connections Pastor, Lori Hartshorn (Dean)**, **Young Adults Pastor, Joel Penney (Nicole)** and **C4 North Site Pastor, Mark Strickland (Wendy)**. Thanksgiving to God as we welcome **Waterford Bible Church** into our Association.
- 16<sup>th</sup> The **AGC Search Committee** as they seek God's direction in selecting our next **AGC President** (2018).
- 17<sup>th</sup> Our staff at **Fair Havens** under the leadership of **Executive Director Liz Thompson (John)**. We appreciate your prayers.
- 18<sup>th</sup> **The week of Prayer: The love of Christ compels us: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21**  
*"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died." – For Your willing sacrifice Lord, we are deeply and eternally thankful.*
- 19<sup>th</sup> *"And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again." – You were raised to life so that we might have the power to live selfless lives that are devoted to others.*
- 20<sup>th</sup> *"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer." – Lord, that we might see others through Your eyes.*
- 21<sup>st</sup> *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" - May the newness and freshness of our Christ-like spirit radiate throughout our communities.*



- 22<sup>nd</sup> “All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. – Lord, give us **Christ-like humility with the ability to offer forgiveness as You so graciously demonstrate.**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> “That God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.” – Lord help us to commit to the love infused message of reconciliation, so that the world may see that we are one in Christ.
- 24<sup>th</sup> “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”- God give us the grace to walk in Your way & win the world for You. Northern Alberta AGC Pastor’s day at Wetaskiwin Mission Church.
- 25<sup>th</sup> “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” – Lord, as we continue in an attitude of prayer, with thanksgiving, help us be aware that the world is watching and that they see Jesus by our love in action.  
AGC Western Region Council Meeting at Varsity Bible Church, Calgary, AB
- 26<sup>th</sup> The ministry at Wikwemikong Fellowship, Manitowaning, ON. We are thankful to see Bibles being received by youth and adults alike!  
Southern Alberta AGC Pastor’s day at Varsity Bible Church, Calgary, AB
- 27<sup>th</sup> Countryside Community Church, (an AGC Church Plant), Oro-Medonte, ON, (Pastor Josh Davy (Kerri)) as they continue to impact their community for Christ.
- 28<sup>th</sup> The AGC as they continue to investigate a Sponsorship Agreement with Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) Contact: [support@agcrsi.org](mailto:support@agcrsi.org)
- 29<sup>th</sup> AGC Quebec Director, Rev. Del Gibbons (Barb) as he ministers to our pastors and churches throughout Quebec.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Garside Bible Church, Hamilton, ON, particularly for our Wednesday ladies group, prayer meeting and family night.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mount Pleasant Bible Church, Mount Pleasant, ON - that new people will come through our doors and feel a warm welcome.  
Manitoba AGC Pastor’s Day at Gladstone Christian Fellowship, MB

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](mailto:sue@agcofcanada.com)

### Stand at the Crossroads and Look

Here we are at the beginning of a brand-new year and maybe, just maybe we find ourselves standing at a crossroads.

I’ve come across the following Scripture on multiple occasions over the past several months. When this occurs, I have no doubt whatsoever that God wants me to pay attention.

“This is what the LORD says: **Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.**” – Jeremiah 6:16

Sometimes, it takes some sort of traumatic event to bring us to a crossroads, other times it can be an accumulation of life choices that force us to change the course of our path.

We may have journeyed down the rocky path of people pleasing or keeping up with the Joneses. How about the thorny path of self-gratification to fill an empty void or longing? There is the shallow soil on the path to accumulating titles, wealth and popularity. I’m sure we’ve all struggled a time or three in our pursuit of what we thought was the good life, sometimes resulting in emotional, physical and spiritual burn-out.

Jesus said in the gospel of Matthew that we are to **come to Him, all we who are weary and burdened and He will give us rest. Take His yoke and learn from Him, for He is gentle and humble in heart and we will find rest for our souls.** – There is that beautiful phrase again that we read in Jeremiah ... *you will find rest for your souls.*

If we look for our identity in all the wrong places and neglect to “**be still and know that He is God**” then we will fail to find the rest that our souls so desperately need. The LORD who is great, faithful and full of compassion longs for us to ask Him for direction so that we may choose the good way and walk in it. What a delight it is to slow down and still our hearts before Him. We have so much to learn when we humbly sit at His feet. This is always the better choice ... what better time to start than at the beginning of a brand-new year!

“Today the heart of God is an open wound of love. He aches over our distance and preoccupation. He mourns that we do not draw near to Him. He grieves that we have forgotten Him. He longs for our presence.” Richard J. Foster