



Prayer Guide

December 1-2, 2016 | Days of Prayer and Fasting

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- the sense of the Holy Spirit’s presence in the transition conversations in 2016 and for the promise of His continuing presence in the months leading up to the 2017 General Conference.
- the enthusiasm coming out of the recent youth retreat involving several Ontario youth groups

2. Church Health Ministries: Please pray for:

- **Churches in transition: *British Columbia:*** Crossroads FMC, Salmon Arm; ***Saskatchewan:*** Avonlea FMC; Cornerstone Community Church, Prince Albert; ***Alberta:*** Mewassin FMC; ***Ontario:*** Blue Mountain Community Church, Thornbury; Caistor Centre, Dryden FMC, Frankford Community Church, Harrowsmith FM Church, North Grenville Community Church, Pineview FMC, Polson Park FMC, Ryde Centennial FMC, Gravenhurst; Smiths Falls FMC; Verona FMC, Warkworth FMC, Warkworth; Wesley Chapel Japanese Church, Toronto; Westdale Park FMC, Napanee; ***Quebec:*** Tabernacle de la Grace, Montreal
- next generations ministries in our churches – that ways will be found to make disciples and develop leaders among our young people
- church families to find ways to practice the “one another’s” as they celebrate Advent and to include those with limited connections (no family or are alone) into their Advent celebrations (both corporate and individual)
- church families to find ways to reach out, share love and meet needs within their communities – especially those in need during this Advent season

3. Church Planting Ministries: Please pray for:

- Church planters: Stephenson’s (Ridgeway), Dozlaw’s (Saskatoon), Seidus (Winnipeg), Dexters (Okotoks), Sheffields (Hamilton), Woo Sung Shim (Mississauga), Paul Altidor (Montreal), Wilder Boutin (Montreal), Paulo Mugarura (Ottawa)

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- strength for pastors during the busy Advent and Christmas season
- Pastoral Leadership Task Forces (PLTFs) of churches in transition

5. **Stewardship Ministries: Please pray for:**

- a focus on building relationships with our neighbours this Christmas - instead of building Christmas debt
- a movement of kindness and generosity - instead of holiday stress
- the financial goals for CORE and Giving Streams to be met this year so that the FMCiC can finish the year without deficit
- wisdom for our leaders as they steward the generosity of God's people

6. **International Child Care Ministries (ICCM):** Please pray for:

- **the Philippines:** for new projects being planned and for new office staff working with Pastora Charita, national coordinator of the Philippines.
- **Cambodia:** for all the kids and families affected by the floods and for the national committee and the leaders as they work through staff changes.

7. **FMCiC Chaplains: Please pray for:**

Armed Forces: Michael Allen, Stephen An, Andrew Klinger, Bob Lay

Corrections: Fred Boom, Abraham Yonas;

Health Care: Jacki Barbour, Lorraine Buffam, David Gifford, Brenda Haggett, David Howick, John Vlainic

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8. **Beyond Canada Ministries: Please pray for:**

- Sok Em (Cambodia) continuing ministry plans for Tahas Bible Institute; he returns to Kampong Chhnang in January
- Debbie Hogeboom (Kenya) as she teaches at Kenya Highlands University, Kericho.
- Chansouk Piengkham (Thailand) as he is involved in evangelism and disciple-making among the Lahus and Laotians.
- David and Jennifer Wright (Niger) for safety in travel and wise use of time as they speak in churches about their ministry
- Ghana; ministries through the Christmas season are a good outreach time for these growing churches
- Sri Lanka; pray for current leadership challenges, that godliness and maturity will rise to the surface

9. **FMCiC General Conference processes: Please pray for:**

- wisdom, discernment, imagination and courage for the FMCiC LifePlan Study Team as they continue their work

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