
PRAYER

Prayer is a total response
of the whole person
in the whole church
to the Living God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



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Thank you for being a Parish Prayer Representative.

A PRAYER FOR THE PARISH

O God, our heavenly Father, bestow
upon our parish the rich blessings of
your loving kindness; that we may prove
ourselves a people of your favour and
glad to do your will. Make us alive to all
the opportunities and responsibilities of
our time. Keep us open to all who need
our love and fellowship and inspire us
with a vision of a world won for Jesus our
Lord.

*For further information or pamphlets please contact
your AFP Diocesan Representative or the Resources
Representative for A.F.P. Canada.*

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AFP Parish Representatives Guidelines

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**Anglican Fellowship of
Prayer (AFP), Canada**

The AFP Parish Representative is a person of prayer who will actively encourage and enable others of their parish in the life of prayer.

Thank you for being a Parish Prayer Representative. The following guidelines will assist you in this ministry.

Make An Appointment With Your Incumbent

- **Pray** together.
- **Review** these AFP Parish Prayer Representative guidelines with your incumbent.
- **Ask** that your ministry be commissioned at the Sunday worship service.
- **Prayerfully** consider ideas for prayer and spirituality events. Establish goals and set dates for these events for the parish or a cluster of parishes.
- **Ask** for, and note, suggestions.

Choose a Co-Worker

- **Choose** a Co-Worker(s) with whom to share this ministry.

Be Alongside Your Clergy and Church Family

- **Offer** resource material:
 - ◇ received at training and enrichment days;
 - ◇ from your own prayer experience;
 - ◇ available through your Diocesan or Deanery Representative.
- **Encourage** the value of a personal and corporate prayer life.
- **Initiate** opportunities for Prayer events, in consultation with your clergy.
- **Invite** others to get involved.



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Communicate News of Prayer Related Events

- **Advertise** Prayer and Spirituality events by posting them on your church's bulletin board, in the weekly service bulletin and parish newsletter.
- **Keep** things up to date.

Prayer Representative Resources

It is helpful to keep a three-ringed note book or files in which to keep the following:

- ◇ Good prayer material and resources;
- ◇ Lists of Book Stores & Retreat Centers;
- ◇ Spiritual Directors and speakers on prayer;
- ◇ Evaluations of events;
- ◇ You might want to keep a journal to record prayer activities, events, meetings etc.

Training and Enrichment

- It will be to the benefit of your ministry that you and your co-worker(s) attend any events that are offered in your Diocese or beyond in the wider church.

Expenses - Funding

- Make sure that all your expenses are covered by registration fees and/or seed money from your parish.
- Please add a \$2.00 "surcharge" per person at each Prayer and Spirituality event that you organize. The surcharge should be forwarded to AFP Canada (via your Diocesan Representative) to strengthen the work of AFP across Canada.
- We encourage each Prayer Representative to become a member of AFP Canada to assist in supporting the ministry of AFP.

- As a member of AFP, you will receive the AFP Canada Newsletter and news of all current activities. The fee for joining is currently \$35.00 CDN per year. If this is a financial difficulty for you, we recommend that you request your parish to budget this amount at the annual Vestry meeting. The parish then becomes a "member". All mailings should be directed to you, the Parish Representative. The additional benefit is the recognition of AFP and you as the Prayer Representative.

Contact Your Diocesan or Deanery Representative:

- If you wish help in your ministry of prayer;
- If you change your address, telephone number or Email address;
- If you resign from this ministry -
 - a. Prayerfully suggest the name of a successor in consultation with your Rector,; and
 - b. **pass on your files to your successor.**

Your Diocesan or Deanery Representative

Name _____

Address _____

Town/City _____

Postal Code _____

Phone Number (____) _____

E-mail _____