

# Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada)

*Serving, supporting, and encouraging prayer*



## The Priority of Prayer

**June 4-8, 2018**

**St John's College, Winnipeg MB**

Maintaining the priority of prayer, we will discern the ongoing mission and ministry of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. The focus of our conversations will cover aspects personal, intercessory, and corporate prayer. We will be sharing our time with our patron and Primate, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, and with many local leaders. Together, we will equip, support and encourage the ministry of prayer.

***During our time together we will:*** share in worship and fellowship; discern the work of the AFP (now and into the future); discuss practical prayer resources to meet needs of parish and diocesan reps; build community with one another; enjoy a half day local tour.

### **Advance Registration Required**

Full Registration (\$250) includes programme, accommodations at St John's College, breakfast (Tues. thru Fri.), lunch (Tues. thru Fri.), dinner (Mon., Tues., Thurs.) (Wed. dining out at own expense), morning and afternoon Snacks

Local Registration (\$20 per day) includes programme, lunch (Tues., Wed., or Thurs.), morning and afternoon Snacks

***Note:*** For one representative per diocese, flight or bus costs in excess of \$500, will be reimbursed by AFP.

Please register as soon as possible; our firm deadline is **May 1, 2018**. Registration form is on the back page, or through our website. Please mail to:

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR***The Ven. Paul Feheley*

If you were to sit with the Bible and read the variety of gospel accounts of the Resurrection, what would be the one image that stands out? For some, it would be the empty tomb; for others it would be the presence of the angels, or the movement of the rock that had closed the tomb.

There are no wrong answers, but for me, the one image that stands out comes from John 20.16, where Jesus calls Mary by name. It is an awesome, inspiring moment in the exchange between the Resurrected Christ and Mary Magdalene.

For me, the Easter story takes on meaning and purpose when I hear the voice of Jesus call me by name. I feel a sense of being the beloved, of being valued by God. Knowing that God calls me by name makes my offered prayers deeply personal; it deepens the relationship and strengthens the bond of love between God and me.

I know and understand that all of us at times struggle with prayer, and may question its relevance or importance. This Easter, I encourage you to strive to hear the voice of Jesus, calling you by name, and speaking to your heart and soul. Respond in your own way with your own words, and know that they are being heard by the resurrected Jesus.

May this Easter be a time where, like Mary, we feel the vibrant words of Jesus that name us and call us his own.

**THY KINGDOM COME**

*I cannot remember in my life anything  
that I've been involved in where I have sensed so clearly  
the work of the Spirit.*

*~Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury*

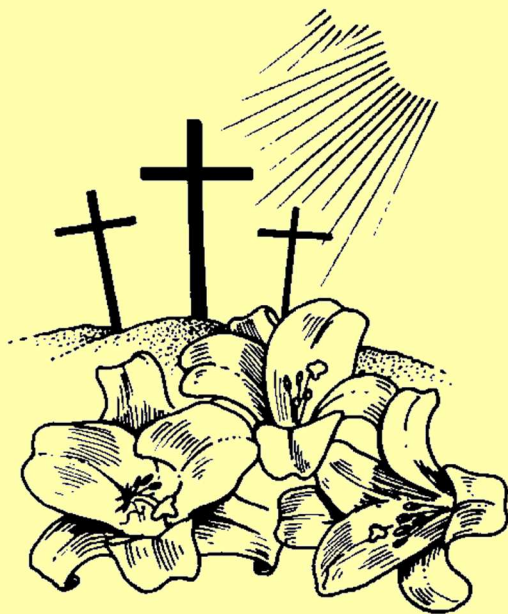
Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

The hope is that people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family; that churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks; and that people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

This global wave of prayer will take place between Ascension and Pentecost, Thursday, May 10th - Sunday, May 20th.

Resources for 2018, including a new website, can be found at [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

## AN EASTER PRAYER



We thank you  
that Easter is not about  
a people,  
but all people,  
that your love  
and your Salvation  
are for all who confess  
with voices, hearts and lives  
that the tomb is empty  
because Jesus is risen,  
that we might know  
forgiveness,  
that lives might be  
reborn  
and your name  
glorified  
now and for eternity.

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## BOOK REVIEW

**I Am Malala** by Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb

*Reviewed by Tony Day*

Many people know Malala Yousafzai's story. You may ask, "Why is this a story I should read? Why is this mentioned in a Christian Newsletter focusing on prayer?"

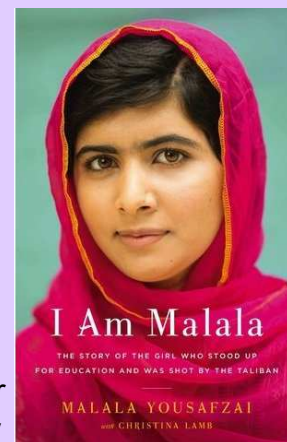
When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, Malala refused to be silent and fought for her right to an education. At the age of 15 she was shot in the head while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive.

Instead Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the UN in New York. At sixteen she became a global symbol of peaceful protest. She has been awarded a Nobel peace prize, is an honorary Canadian Citizen and, at present, she is earning a degree at Oxford University.

When reading the book and learning a little more about her family and life, two things struck me. One was her belief in God and the other her commitment to prayer. For example she says, "I love my God. I thank my Allah. I talk to him everyday. He is the greatest."

Malala spent many hours in surgery. She thanks Allah for her hardworking doctors. "I know God stopped me going to the grave," she says. "After the one second it took to fire a shot, millions of people were praying for my life and the doctors who were looking after me." She continues, "I always prayed this prayer to God, 'I want to help people and please help me do that'."

Her father states, "In my part of the world most people are known by their sons. I am one of the few lucky fathers known by his daughter."



## CURRENT WORK OF YOUR AFP EXECUTIVE

The Rev Valerie Kenyon

Since our last newsletter the work of the AFP Executive has been rather singularly focused on our upcoming Consultation in Winnipeg. There are, as you can imagine, a myriad of details to sort out for our time together: the accommodations, the meals, the speakers, the outings, the resources and so much more. While originally designed to bring AFP Diocesan Representative together, these consultations have evolved into an event for everyone interested in prayer and in spending time with others who share their interest. So, we're working hard to make it all work. The only thing still needed ... you! We're waiting for you. Register today.



### Registration Form (please fill out one per person)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov. & Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registering for:

☐ Full

☐ Monday evening (local - no fee)

☐ Tuesday (local)

☐ Wednesday (local)

☐ Thursday (local)

☐ Friday morning (local - no fee)

Arriving by (circle): Car Air Bus

If by air: Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Flt # \_\_\_\_\_

Air/Bus arrival time & location: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transport to St. John's College from airport or bus station?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, pickup location: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary or mobility needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed ☐

*The resurrection of Jesus changes the face of death for all His people. Death is no longer a prison, but a passage into God's presence.*

*Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.*

*~Clarence W. Hall*

*"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."*

*~Martin Luther*

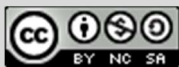
*"Sometimes Prayers don't change situations, but they change our attitude towards situations and give us hope which changes our entire life."*

*~Anonymous*

*"Lord, let me be a mirror made clean and bright by your forgiveness, and held up by your glory, that I may reflect your life and love to those for whom I pray."*

*~Archbishop George Appleton*

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