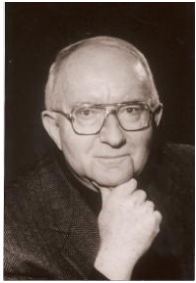


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HONOUR, DELIGHT, TENDERNESS

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL

*With my body I thee honour.
(The Book of Common Prayer p 566)*

*The union of man and woman in heart
body and mind is intended for their
mutual comfort and help, that they may know each other
with delight and tenderness in acts of love, and that they
may be blessed in the procreation, care and upbringing of
children. (The Book of Alternative Services. P 541).*

I have always felt that these two statements are both beautiful and true in what they say of our human sexuality.

C S Lewis once said that we reveal our difficulties in dealing with human sexuality by the language we use when speaking of it. He pointed out that our language about sex is either technical, coarse, or humorous. Western culture has always had difficulties in making easy companions of sexuality and spirituality.

There are reasons for this, and instead of making good Saint Augustine the scapegoat for it, we should be grateful to him for his giving expression to his own sexual struggles. If nothing else, he expresses for us all the significance of sexuality in our lives, the power it can exert, and the helplessness we can sometimes feel before that power.

Our culture might be happier if we were more ready to acknowledge that the harnessing of our sexuality is not unlike our efforts to harness nuclear power. Each is capable of demonstrating its power in ways we can find very difficult to control. At the same time, as with nuclear power, sexuality can fill us with wonder and awe as we experience its mingled beauty and terror.

All of which is my saying why I think these images from the exhortation of our two Marriage Rites are so magnificent. The words express beautifully what we know to be true but what we also have such difficulty in expressing without embarrassment.



MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

THE RT. REV. GARY WOOLSEY

Many of us are trying to cope with the challenges of living in a digital age. We sometimes have a love-hate relationship with our computers or other digital devices. We become

very dependent on them for our communication with family, friends and acquaintances. More of us are using these devices to purchase items, pay bills and do our banking. We no longer own an encyclopedia but instead look to the internet for knowledge on every topic imaginable. Most of us live in a state of awe and amazement as to how all of this works. Where are all those messages going and being saved? How can they be on someone else's computer or device within seconds of hitting the 'send' key? How does 'cloud' really work?

But what happens when the internet connection goes down and we cannot link with what is beyond us? We might get angry and seek to blame someone or something, like our computer or our internet provider. Rarely would we blame ourselves for a possible mistake that we might have made. We gradually become frustrated if the problem drags on and we go hours or, heaven forbid, days without a connection.

As I reflected on this, I began to see that there are parallels when we think of our prayer life. Prayer is our connection with not only that which is beyond us, God, but also the Spirit that dwells within us. Hopefully I can become dependent on God and the Spirit in a positive way, just like my dependence on the digital device, to allow communication with a world beyond me. But I also recognize that frustration and anger might creep into my relationship when I sense a broken link and I am not getting any answers or acknowledgement of my communication attempts. I can take a similar approach, as with a broken internet connection, and blame God for the problem. But if I am really honest with myself, I will have to do some soul searching to understand more of this mystery and see what my part might be in the broken relationship.

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HONOUR, DELIGHT, TENDERNESS

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Human beings delight in one another in many ways but our sexuality is a way for us to discover wild and wonderful depths within ourselves that we never imagined existed. And in all of this we are told that we should offer and expect to receive tenderness. Such tenderness is shown when both seek in every way to give the other delight even as they find their own delight in the other.

The fact that the prayer book speaks of “acts of love” makes us realize that love making is a thing of specific actions. Those actions can be contrived or spontaneous, clumsy or graceful. They can fulfill wishes and fantasies we would not dream of acknowledging were it not for this ultimate and all-enveloping intimacy. Sometimes our love making can explode into helpless mutual laughter. Such is the mystery of sexuality; this very moment may be the deepest and loveliest of all.

And what may be the most insightful word in all this, is the prayer book’s reminding us that in our wish to delight in one another we also honour one another.

And you thought prayer books were all about religion!

Herbert O’Driscoll

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During the winter I purchased a book entitled 'Prayer in the Digital Age' by Matt Swaim (Liguori Publications, 2011). This provided me the opportunity to step back from the use of my netbook computer and iPod Touch and reflect on how these devices impact my daily life. I also began to see how they impact my spiritual life. How was I using these tools to help me in my spiritual journey? I started to read the daily meditation on line from Forward Movement - Day By Day (I was in Arizona for 3 months and didn't have the latest hard copy booklet). On my iPod Touch I created a daily prayer cycle and made that part of my devotions and journaling. But I have so much more to reflect on!!



May God grant us the wisdom to know how to live creatively in this digital age.

Peace
+Gary

Bishop Gary Woolsey

AFP -Canada National Director

Walking to Emmaus**Esther Jackson**

Following Easter, the story of the walk to Emmaus is one of the Sunday Gospel readings.

I have found Marcus Borg’s commentary on this story helpful.

In the story, Luke 24: 13-35, two of Jesus’ followers walk from Jerusalem to the village of

Emmaus. (These followers were not two of the 11 disciples, as they later return to Jerusalem to share their experience with the eleven, and companions gathered there.) On the road to Emmaus, they are joined by a stranger, whom we as readers of the gospel recognize as the risen Jesus. They confront the stranger as to why he doesn’t know the things that have taken place. So they tell him about Jesus, their hopes for him, and his crucifixion. The three walk together, and the stranger talks to them about Moses, and the prophets. Still they don’t recognize him. As they draw near to Emmaus, the stranger begins to walk on. They implore him, “Stay with us, for night is falling.” So he stays. At table with them, he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. Then we are told “their eyes were opened. and they recognized him.” Then he vanished from their sight.

Marcus Borg outlines the meaning of the story: For those followers on the road, and for us, in the church, the risen Jesus opens up the meaning of scripture. The risen Jesus is known in the breaking of bread. The risen Jesus journeys with his followers, even when they don’t know it. Whether or not the exact sequence of the story could have been videotaped is



secondary. Emmaus always happens again and again. The risen Jesus is with us.

Reference: *Jesus, understanding the Life, Teaching, and relevance of a Religious Revolutionary, by Marcus J. Borg*

Some Important Changes

If you wish to receive your newsletter by email, please send your email address to Win Mizon

AFP-C Newsletter Editor at her NEW email address. winken@worldline.ca

Check our web site often. www.anglicanprayer.org Our new web site Co-ordinator Mark Perrin

ms.perrin@shaw.ca will be adding info regularly. Consider announcing upcoming events.



An Aha prayer event

Tony Day

I was having my quiet time the other day and read this: *To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the Devil. 1 John 3.8*

There followed a comment on this verse which appears in The Lord My Portion by Watchman Nee who is one of my favourite writers.

The comment was this. As soon as we discern a work of the Devil, we can pray as follows, "O God, Your Son was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. How we thank You for He has destroyed the devil's works on the cross".

He went on to write the following: "But the devil is now again working. If we notice that Satan is working in us or family or work or school or nation we can ask God to destroy his work in that particular area."

At the same time I had been made aware of a very, very trying situation in a family with teenage children. It was a situation in which you might say "those parents do not deserve this; in fact the teens should be very grateful to have such parents." Suffice to say this was not the case. For myself I do not know this family but my heart went out to them all and I knew the Lord was telling me to pray for them.

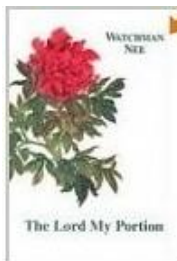
I prayed as follows "Lord destroy the works of the devil in this family." It is out of character for me to pray this way but God assured me it was the right way to pray in this situation.

Of course I would like to be able to tell you that everything is now fine and dandy but I cannot.

What I can tell you is that God knew when such a reading would occur in my life and when an event would be made known to me that reinforced the scripture.

It has been exciting for me to have such a moment.

God is fun to know.



We pray for the Holy Spirit to surround those in difficulty and reveal to them that this time and trouble will pass and for each to look ahead to what their Heavenly Father places before them. Our Heavenly Fathers' love bypasses all understanding as our Father has given His only Son.



Children's Ministry

Helping Children "Bear the Light"

Elizabeth Short

This past year I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Worship Leader in my parish to include the children in the liturgy. We have been intentional about ensuring that their involvement is meaningful and not tokenism. It has been wonderful to see how naturally they now participate. Rather feeling that they are on display or putting on a performance, they are part of the whole congregation as we come together to worship. I have had profound conversations with them about how their participation has impacted them. It reaffirms for me my theory that we don't need to "dumb things down" for kids.

This reminds me of an experience I had in a former parish. We were celebrating the sacrament of Baptism and several



families were involved. In the weeks prior to the Baptism, we made it our theme in Sunday School. One of the things the kids did was to make doves that would be presented to each

family. Everything was well planned out. The children gathered around the font so they could see what was happening. At the appropriate time we handed the doves to the younger children and the baptismal candles to the older children and they were cued to present them to the various families. One of the kids was this wonderful little 3-year-old girl with bright eyes and amazingly curly hair. Appropriately her name was Lizzie! When the time came I handed Lizzie a dove. She looked up at me and firmly said "I want to carry a candle". I gently said that she was carrying a dove but she determinedly repeated what she had said. I saw the resolve in her eyes and on her cute little face and knew any "discussion" would be unproductive and we needed to move now! So I handed her a candle and gently put my hand around hers. Together we carried the candle to the family's outstretched hands. It was one of those "God moments". Here I was, privileged to be helping one of His little ones bear the light of Christ.



This Sunday is Pentecost, and once again we will involve the kids. They will be leading the congregation in coming forward to light candles and say a quiet prayer. At the end of the service they will process around the church with candles (battery operated!) and ribbons. We will enjoy cake and celebration but they will learn that Pentecost is not just about happy birthday to the Church (us) but that as members of the Church this is the anniversary of us being sent out into the world and that we all have a responsibility to let our lights shine. Ask yourselves, "What am I doing to enable the children to take their part in this mission?"



Diocese of Rupert's Land
Rev. Diane Guilford
Walking the inner path
on the Labyrinth and with
Christian Meditation

AFP Rupert's Land recently hosted a Lenten Retreat that offered teaching and experience on Christian Meditation and walking the labyrinth.



Participants were invited to enter into an inner silence where we can be in touch with the Spirit of Christ who dwells within us; and to walk the labyrinth as a way of quieting the mind and a safe place to explore and reflect on our spiritual journey. The retreat leaders for this were the Rev. Canon Phil Barnett and the Rev. Barbara Barnett. Phil has been involved nationally and internationally in meditation and has given talks and led workshops across Canada and in the Caribbean. Barbara is a Certified Labyrinth Facilitator who has been instrumental in introducing the Labyrinth to this diocese. This was an evening and full day offering participants teaching on prayer, opportunities to pray, worship, plus great fellowship around good food. It was an incredible experience having two labyrinth set up in the large hall with lighting primarily with candles and 35 people walking as individuals but meeting people on the path.



Saturday consisted of four significant times of silence of 10 and 20 minutes. The event took place at St. Stephen's Anglican Church with about 35 participants. We were very



grateful for the leadership of Phil and Barbara Barnett and encourage others to invite them as excellent resource people on prayer.

...Those who love God never meet for the last time...

**May the Lord Jesus, who loves with a wounded heart,
 Be your love for evermore.**

**May the Lord Jesus, who serves with wounded hands,
 Help you serve others.**

**May the Lord Jesus, who walks on wounded feet,
 Walk with you to the end of the road.**

**Look for the face of the Lord Jesus in everyone you meet,
 And may everyone you meet,
 see the face of the Lord Jesus in you.**

**And may the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and
 Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you. Amen**

...The Most Rev. Stewart Payne...

God does not exist to answer our prayers, but by our prayers we come to discern the mind of God.

~ Oswald Chambers, 1874 – 1917

Holy One, I choose life. I choose openness. I choose beauty, and faith. I choose to create. In all the things I intend for my life and the life of the world, O God hear my prayer, and in your love and understanding, answer. Amen.

~ from *Go Deep* by Doris E. Kizinna, p. 40

The Diocese of Central Newfoundland



Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Lenten Retreat Ruby Lockhart

On Feb. 28 – Mar. 1, 2012 the AFP held a Lenten Retreat sponsored by the diocese. Our retreat was led by Nancy French, a long time Associate of the Anglican Sisterhood of St. John the Divine. Our theme was, "Finding Our Way in the Wilderness".



The Rev. Gail Thoms-Williams, Kim Russell, Nancy French (Retreat Leader) and Jaqui King

We pictured places where we have been; isolated, barren places. Then we looked at wilderness as a situation in life such as unemployment, illness or loss. We may experience wilderness as a state of being like depression, anxiety or guilt.

Our spirit is inter-playing with where we are and the life circumstances we are going through. We looked into how God is at work in our lives. Jesus used the ordinary things around him to teach us spiritual things: the lily of the field, the shepherd and his sheep, the white washed tombs, the sower and the seed. It is in our daily experiences that Jesus teaches us.

We walked through a wilderness experience with Moses which led him to a deeper perception, a heightened awareness and a wider openness. We asked ourselves, "What is God calling us to do in the light of our own realities"? We looked at tools of discernment and at our inner landscape through the four phases of the sea.



Bishop David joins in small group discussions

We recognize that most changes are made in times of turbulence. We looked at Jesus' experience in the wilderness and the temptations He went through in that barren place. Jesus said, "No" to them all. We, too, have a choice when we are tempted. God asks us, "Do you love me"?

Lastly we approached communal wilderness experience in our church and what would make fertile ground in which to raise up leadership, both lay and ordained.

Bishop David celebrated the Eucharist and we all gathered around the altar to receive the bread and wine. There we know that God has provided a way out of the wilderness, through Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The Diocese of Toronto

Who Are Alongsiders?

Dorothy Hamlyn, Lay Reader

The Alongsiders Co-ordinator at Church of St. Hugh and St. Edmund Mississauga



I would like to tell you briefly about what our Alongsiders do in our Parish. We are among the faithful members of our Church who pray daily for the sick and shut-ins listed in our church bulletin. We take the bulletins

home every Sunday. We pray for each other and for our families and for all who need our prayers and scripture readings for Anglicans. We especially pray for others. We keep in touch with each other by telephone when necessary. We try to meet after the service of Morning Prayer. With God's blessings we send birthday cards, get-well cards, and all occasional cards regularly.

We would gladly welcome anyone who is interested in becoming an Alongsider to join us. You do not have to be a senior as senior citizenship is not just an age. It is an attitude. Our Alongsider's offering of prayer and praise is of infinite worth. The results, though sometimes hidden, are eternal.

Our ministry of prayer is our Alongsider's gift to our Church. We remember always that prayer is our lifeline to God. Prayer unites. 1 Thes. 5:16-17 says "be joyful always. Pray at all times. Be thankful in all circumstances." I would like to share with you this note from the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. "Dear prayer reps. The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer and your local Bishops Committee on Prayer want to encourage and thank you for all that you are doing to enable prayer to happen in your parish, deanery or area. Thanks."

A short simple prayer to use: I said to the man who stood at the gate "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than the light and safer than the known way". Amen

Daily Prayers

(From the March 11 bulletin of the Church of St. Hugh & St. Edmund)

Psalm of Quietness

How quiet is the night, how pleasant is the day; in the midst of the rush, there's a calm and peaceful hush that comes my way. It's the presence of the Lord – I feel His holy pow'r day and night, every moment, every hour. What a peaceful feeling comes upon me when I kneel before my Lord and Saviour. In the midst of all my busy day's activity, I can know the very presence of the Lord. Be still and know that I am God.

Morning

Most Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I praise you and give you thanks this day for all the favours you have bestowed on me. Your goodness has preserved me until now. I offer you my whole being and in particular all my thoughts, words and deeds, together with all the trials I may undergo his day. Give me your blessing. May your divine love animate me to service your great glory. AMEN

The Diocese of Huron

Praying With Our Whole Selves

Join us on
Saturday, September 15,
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 as we with
Sister Sue
 from the
Sisterhood of St. John the Divine,

consider what it means to pray with our whole selves. For 2,000 years, we as Christians have tended to separate our spiritual selves from our physical selves, yet it was Christ's sharing of and working through our human form that is a vital part of the Gospel message. Come and learn ways to pray with, rather than distinct from, the body God gave you. Sister Sue has led a number of workshops on this topic, and practices it regularly herself. For more information on this event, please speak to Rev'd Val Kenyon vkkenyon@rogers.com.

Sister Sue's visit is co-sponsored by the **Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Huron) and the Associates of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine,** who are deeply appreciative of the gracious hospitality offered by **St. James Westminster, London.**

While there is no fee for the morning, any amounts collected will go towards deferring the costs of Sister Sue's time with us.

The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador



Rev. Greg Mercer

A number of our parishes have started **prayer groups**, initiated **The Alongsiders** program, and sought ways to introduce the many **AFP resources** to their congregations.

Our Diocese team is presently planning a meeting at the end of this month to make plans for the Fall. We will be looking at ways in which we can support and encourage our **Parish Representatives** and also, doing some Archdeaconry workshops on the **'Power House of Prayer.'**

An Act of Faith

My God, I believe in you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God in three. Your Son became man, died for our sins and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. AMEN

*- Church of St. Hugh & St. Edmund March 11 bulletin -
 (From the March 11 bulletin of the Church of St. Hugh & St. Edmund)*

An Act of Hope

My God, relying on your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and my God. AMEN

*- Church of St. Hugh & St. Edmund March 11 bulletin -
 (From the March 11 bulletin of the Church of St. Hugh & St. Edmund)*

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer is pleased to invite you to the Bishop of Huron's Prayer Conference

The Transformative Power of Prayer

An examination and celebration of the power of prayer to change our lives.

With
The Rev'd Canon Anne Moore

*Saturday, November 3, 2012
 10:00 to 3:00
 \$20.00 includes lunch*

*St John the Evangelist
 280 St. James Street. London*



The Reverend Canon Anne Moore, originally from Napanee, Ontario is a Queen's University and Wycliffe College graduate. Ordained in 1990 in the Diocese of Toronto, having ministered in both rural and urban centres, Anne is currently the diocesan chaplain to the ACW as well as a longtime board member of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer executive. Anne is passionate about and has dedicated her ministry to enabling spiritual growth in those around her through prayer and the study of Scripture. Prayer, in its many facets, has changed Rev'd Anne's life and she is looking forward to sharing some of her journey with us here in Huron in November.





The Diocese of Calgary ***Dr. Jane Jensen***

In January 2012, AFP-Calgary welcomed Wayne Power onto their committee as treasurer, and the Rev. Cathy Fulton as a new member-at-large. AFP-C extends a warm welcome to you both.

AFP support of the electoral process for the call of the 9th bishop of Calgary

With our diocesan search committee's use of a website to keep people up-to-date on the progress of the electoral process, having a new prayer to post every few weeks has been important. With God's help, I've been inspired to write these prayers between March and mid-May, 2012. The diocesan search committee webmasters have also graciously posted Helen Shoemaker's quote on prayer and the AFP logo. Go to <http://www.calgary.anglican.ca/>, then choose Bishop Search to see the website and AFP's place on the page.

Creator God, you know every hair on our head and every nook and cranny of the diocese of Calgary. We ask you to be with the diocesan search committee as they pull together the final details for the diocesan profile. So surround the profile writers and organizers with your Holy Spirit, that they may be good stewards of their time. Bless their efforts so when the profile is completed, they may rest assured it is a true representation of this diocese. For we pray in the name of Jesus, whose death and resurrection we re-enact during this holy season of Eastertide, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Holy God, you who call us by name, we lift up each of the delegates to synod that they may be inspired by your Holy Spirit to nominate a slate of candidates who are prayerful, visionary leaders in their respective churches and dioceses. We also lift up those throughout the Anglican Communion who will be prayerfully nominated during the calling process, asking you to bless them as they reflect on and answer the questions the search committee asks of them. We pray that at the end of the process, each candidate has grown in faith and the overall election process glorifies you, for we pray in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Loving God, you knit us together in our mother's womb. In these last few days before the synod meets on (date), we ask that our diocesan officers, the synod organizers and delegates, and those who are undergirding the process with prayer may sense your presence so powerfully, that each of us may truly know and do your will, in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gracious God, we praise you for inspiring the search committee members to present an honest, vibrant image of this diocese in the diocesan profile they put together. We ask for the committee to have the discernment they need to seek clarification, if it's needed, and for guidance in selecting the slate of candidates for the Episcopal election. Now that the nominations are in, we lift up the nominees as they prayerfully prepare to respond to the questions they will be asked and the situations they will encounter. May your Holy Spirit protect and encourage everyone involved in the process of calling the (number) bishop of the Diocese of (diocesan name). In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Holy Trinity, you demonstrate for us what it means to live in harmony and community. We ask that, in the lead-up to the electoral synod that meets on (date), our diocesan officers, the synod organizers and delegates, and those undergirding the process with prayer may sense your presence so powerfully, that each of us may feel, speak, and act as the Body of Christ here in (diocesan region). For we pray in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please find below excerpts from a letter from
Archbishop Fred J. Hiltz,
Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
to the
Rt. Rev. Gary Woolsey,
our AFP-C Director after our
DR Conference in Calgary last year.



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June 13, 2011

The Rt. Rev. Gary Woolsey
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Dear Gary,

Thank you for the opportunity of participating in the 2011 conference for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (AFP). I appreciated the warm welcome that I received. I hope that my presentations were in keeping with the expectations of the conference participants. It was great to see you in action as the National Director. I enjoyed hearing the report of The Executive and the presentation by Jane, the Diocesan Representative for Calgary. I left the conference with a renewed appreciation for the work of prayer to which The Fellowship is so deeply committed, and I pledge to you my efforts to be a good ambassador of the ministry to which you all are so deeply committed...

With good memories of this conference, respect for the ministry of all the diocesan representatives and gratitude for a rekindling of our friendship in Christ.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Fred J. Hiltz
Archbishop and Primate



An Act of Charity

O my God, I love you above all things, with all my hearts, and all my mind and all my soul. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. AMEN

An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am sorry for my sins. By choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. Help me to sin no more, in the name of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us. HAVE MERCY ON ME. AMEN
(From the Church of St. Hugh & St. Edmund)

Grace Prayers

Creator of the universe, You give us this gift of food to nourish us and give us life. Bless this food that You have made and human hands have prepared. May it satisfy our hunger, and in sharing it together may we come closer to one another. Amen

God of goodness, bless our food,
Keep us in a cheerful mood.
Bless the cook and all who serve us.
From indigestion, Lord, preserve us.

For A Church In God's Will

Eternal God,

You call us to live with faith in a world filled with so many challenges. Help us remember that Jesus talked of our being in the world, but not of the world.

Teach us through Your word, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and in our prayers to learn and understand what you would have us to be and to do, so that we may fulfil our calling as Christ's body here on earth.

General

We pray that the sacrifice and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be known with each individual. May each kneel before our Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In Jesus' precious name we pray.
Amen

Editor's Note:

If you wish more prayers, please check out our web site:

www.anglicanprayer.org

The Ministry of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada)

The ministry of the AFP (Canada) is carried out by an Executive Committee, a National Director, Diocesan and Parish Representatives. At the present time, the National Director, who is also a member of the Executive Committee, is the Rt. Rev. Gary Woolsey of Calgary and our Patron is the Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz. Diocesan Representatives (DRs) are appointed by the Diocesan Bishop in consultation with the National Director and they may be clergy or lay. Dioceses and parishes are encouraged to hold prayer workshops and conferences as well as being a prayer support for Diocesan synods and conferences. The Diocesan Representatives may also ask parish clergy to appoint parish Prayer Representatives (PRs). The Executive Committee supports the work of the National Director and Diocesan Representatives by looking after the finances and resources of the organization, developing new resources and encouraging and supporting regional and national conferences on prayer. At the present time, Mrs. Esther Jackson chairs the committee. One becomes a member of the committee by invitation. The National Director and all members of the Executive are volunteers.

The Purpose of AFP is to:

1. Promote the practice of Christian prayer
2. Encourage prayer for lay people, clergy and Bishops as well as the ministries of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Anglican Communion around the world
3. Assist people as they journey in their full redeeming, sanctifying communion with God through Jesus Christ and uphold in parish life the ministry of prayer from which all other ministries of the church in the world are grounded
4. Be a uniting force in the Church
5. Reach out to all Christians at the grass-roots level through the common experience of one Lord through prayer, dialogue, workshops and conferences .

AFP (Canada) exists to encourage and enable the ministry of prayer in Canada. It is inclusive of all forms of expressions of Christian church life. AFP (Canada) seeks to be a teaching resource to assist both individuals and congregations to grow in the life of prayer. It seeks to increase and strengthen the companionship of Christian prayer throughout the world.

Ministry

AFP (Canada) serves the church by providing prayer resources, teaching and encouragement in the work of prayer:

1. Encourages and supports Canadian area conferences, diocesan and parish prayer conferences, retreats and prayer workshops
2. Maintains a network of Diocesan Representatives who serve as contacts and resource people in each diocese
3. Encourages the appointment of Parish Representatives so that the ministry of prayer may touch the lives of parishioners
4. Develops materials for individuals and parishes on the various aspects of prayer (ex. How to Pray, Quiet Days, Prayer with Children, etc)
5. Provide information about good resources in spirituality and make them available by mail order
6. Communicates to the Church and donors through a Newsletter and a web site (www.anglicanprayer.org).

Membership

Membership in AFP (Canada) is open to all people who are drawn to the purpose and ministry of AFP and who desire to be part of a larger body to call and support people of prayer. A donation of \$35 or more per year provides a person or organization, such as a parish or prayer group, with the Canadian Newsletter three times a year, and supports all the ministry of AFP (Canada) - creation, production and distribution of resources, providing Nan Henderson Gift Certificates to newly ordained clergy, maintaining our web site, and the meetings of the National Executive (three times a year). The donation is tax receiptable.

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