

# Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada)

*Serving, supporting, and encouraging prayer*

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

*The Ven. Paul Feheley*



We live in a world that is incredibly fast paced. At times it seems the only thing that is constant is change. This also seems true of the Church. For example the 'old fashioned' way that I learned about faith, the manner that I was taught about God and how Jesus was introduced to me seems to have been abandoned in favour of new methods, fancy computer programs and glitzy techniques. It is not difficult to imagine many of the faithful singing rather loudly,

"Give me that old-time religion,  
Give me that old-time religion  
Give me that old-time religion  
It's good enough for me"

Lent is a season where we can and indeed should get back to basics. During Lent the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will be featured in many sermons, written about in many parish newsletters, and thought about in detail by many Christians. All three were taught by our Lord in his Sermon on the Mount and have been practiced in the Church since the time of the Apostles. While all three of these disciplines will better connect us with God let me touch briefly on prayer.

In many ways I was not surprised by a recent story (January 14, 2018) in the British newspaper *The Guardian* which said that, "More than half of British adults pray, a new survey has revealed, including a fifth of people who say they are not religious". The article went on to say, "For many non-believers, it is an instinctive response to a crisis ....Just under half of those who pray said they believed God hears their prayers, which suggests a slim majority feel their supplications are not answered. Four in ten go further, saying prayer changes the world; a similar number say it makes them feel better. ...Among the non-religious, personal crisis or tragedy is the most common reason for praying, with one in four saying they pray to gain comfort or feel less lonely.

According to Isabelle Hamley, chaplain to the archbishop of Canterbury, prayer is "primarily a line of communication with God – thinking, reflecting, bringing one's concerns and worries into a bigger picture. Prayer can involve requests, but it's unhelpful to see God as a heavenly Santa. Many people are driven to pray at some point in their lives, even if they are not religious. Praying spontaneously is about reaching out." God hears everyone's prayers, she added.

It is fascinating that in our fast paced lives even self proclaimed "non-believers" turn to pray. Can we who follow Christ and bear His name dare to do anything less?

My hope this lent is that, in spite of our busy world, prayer in whatever form it takes in your life will connect you with God. May your prayers provide an opportunity to deepen your commitment to a life that reflects your faith and grows in a new and unique way your relationship with God.



## 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 of 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
- Spend a half day touring local sights and attractions

**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:*** Flight or bus costs in excess of \$500, for one representative per diocese, 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:

Rev. Anne Moore, P.O. Box 406, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0

If you have any questions please contact AFP Chair, the **Rev. Val Kenyon** at (519) 854-9998  
[vvkenyon@rogers.com](mailto:vvkenyon@rogers.com)

## The Prayer of St. Columba

Be a bright flame before me, O God  
 a guiding star above me.  
 Be a smooth path below me,  
 a kindly shepherd behind me  
 today, tonight, and for ever.  
 Alone with none but you, my God  
 I journey on my way;  
 what need I fear when you are near,  
 O Lord of night and day?  
 More secure am I within your hand  
 than if a multitude did round me stand. Amen.



## Adapted From a Prayer of Saint Columba and an Ancient Celtic prayer

Kindle in my heart, O God, the flame of love that never ceases,  
 May I shine forever in your temple, set on fire with your eternal light.  
 My soul's desire is to see the face of God, and to rest in his house.  
 Let me go forth in the radiance of his Holy Spirit,  
 Let me go forth in the faith of the apostles,  
 Let me go forth in the holiness of the saints,  
 Let me go forth in the joyful praise of the angels. Amen.

## BOOK REVIEW

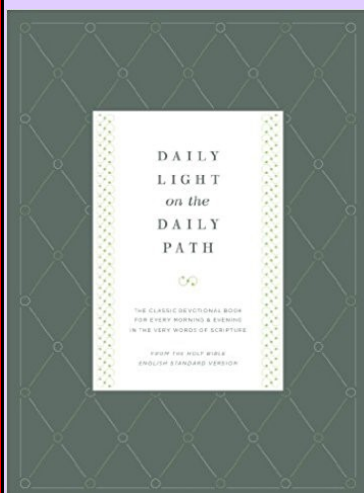
### *Daily Light on the Daily Path* compiled by Jonathan Bagster

Reviewed by Tony Day

*Daily Light on the Daily Path* is a beloved devotional. Each morning and each evening devotion is a short Bible study with scriptures from the King James Bible compiled according to a biblical theme with no anecdotes, commentary, nor stories to distract the reader, thus permitting the scriptures to speak for themselves. The devotions are often sequential, carrying a theme from morning to morning or evening to evening. I have found this lack of commentary is a great aid to developing our relationship with the Lord.

Although generations of Christians have experienced the spiritual rewards of reading these inspiring Scripture selections, today many Christians haven't even heard of this beloved devotional. I received my *Daily Light* in 1964 and have read it frequently. For the last few years 4 o'clock in the morning has been my reading time!

Johnathan Bagster who died in 1872, along with members of his family, compiled *Daily Light* in the 1800's and so it is old in one sense, but up-to-date in another.



## CURRENT WORK OF YOUR AFP EXECUTIVE

*The Rev Valerie Kenyon*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer National Executive continues in our efforts to serve its membership and support the practice and development of prayer at all levels. One of the things we have been exploring these past months is the ability for anyone who would wish to leave a prayer request on our site, to do so, knowing it will be held up in prayer by other AFP members. While we are still working on some of the practical issues with this, please visit [www.anglicalprayer.org](http://www.anglicalprayer.org) in the next few months for more details.



### YOUTUBE

Have you seen our YouTube Channel? There are videos of prayer conferences available for free use. (Please search for "Anglican Fellowship of Prayer" or visit [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCULOKI2W9yo81cvSGzB\\_cqA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCULOKI2W9yo81cvSGzB_cqA) )

### OMG! Oh My God: The Priority of Prayer

A great deal of our effort continues to be directed to planning for our upcoming AFP National Conference to be held in Winnipeg from Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> through to Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. During our time together our conversations will cover aspects of 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.

We are very pleased to announce that having received the promise of additional funding we are able to reduce our registration fee from \$300 to \$250. As well, anyone paying over \$500 for transportation to this event, will be reimbursed for that portion of his or her fare over \$500. Now all that remains is for you to go to sign up. Early registrations are greatly appreciated, as this is very helpful for planning purposes. Please take a moment to review the registration form, and consider participating. We are looking forward to a broad representation from all parts of Canada.

Registration Form (please fill out one per person)	
Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____
Prov. & Postal Code:	_____
Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
Registering for:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Full	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday evening (local - no fee)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday (local)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday (local)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday (local)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday morning (local - no fee)	
Arriving by (circle):	Car Air Bus
If by air: Airline:	Fit # _____
Air/Bus arrival time & location:	_____
Do you need transport to St. John's College from airport or bus station?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, pickup location:	_____
Special dietary or mobility needs:	_____
Payment Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>

This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License.



[newsletter@anglicanprayer.org](mailto:newsletter@anglicanprayer.org)

Next newsletter - Easter 2018

Submission deadline: Feb 26, 2018