



First Friday Prayer Meditation & Calendar – October 2017

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
 I Thessalonians 5: 16-18 ESV

Welcome to our October 2017 first Friday Prayer Meditation and Calendar. You will notice a change in format as we seek to improve our monthly prayer mailings to you by combining the Call to Prayer and Calendar into one monthly email and by removing redundancies where they occurred. Please let us know what you think!

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| <p>We urge you to set aside the first Friday, October 6th, as a day to pray and fast for our diocese (ANiC), the Anglican Church of North America, and the Anglican Communion worldwide. We live in an age of immense pressure against the Gospel. It is critical that we unite together in prayer.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Notable Prayer Quotes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“The one who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Andrew Murray (1828 – 1917)</i></p> |
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Remember Jesus

“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”
 2 Timothy 2:8-10 ESV

This is the time of year when historically we have encouraged you, our readers, to pray for our upcoming annual synod. This year, it is no different; in fact, this year’s is a special 10th anniversary synod where we will be celebrating the Lord’s breathtaking faithfulness to ANiC through the joys and the struggles of the past decade. For those of you who have been part of ANiC since the beginning, you may be, like I am, marveling at the quickness of the passage of time. “Doesn’t it seem just like yesterday . . . “

The theme of Synod 2017 is “*Remember Jesus*”, taken from the verses quoted above from Paul’s second letter to his young protégé, Timothy. In the passage immediately before, Paul calls Timothy “my child” and is urging him to “*be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus*” to stay the course, to persevere under hardship and persecution, to “*share in the suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus*”.

Now, 2nd Timothy has long been a favourite of Bishop Charlie Masters’ and it is quite appropriate at this stage of our life together in ANiC that we should reflect together on Paul’s words of exhortation to his

child in God. Perhaps it's obvious, but when Paul says, "Remember Jesus", he isn't saying something akin to, "You remember old Harry, dontcha? You gotta remember ol' Harry!"

No, he is urging Timothy, notwithstanding his difficulties, to look fully into the face of Jesus, the One miraculously "*risen from the dead*", and **remember all** that Jesus has accomplished through his birth, life, death and resurrection – the Gospel that Paul had preached to Timothy in his discipleship days, over and over again.

The Scriptures contain plenty of exhortations for God's people to *remember*. Let me just share a few of them:

Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. Exodus 13: 3

I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. Psalm 77:11

You shall not be afraid of them but you shall remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt. Deuteronomy 7:18

So often, for the people of Israel, the big problem was that they didn't remember what the Lord had done for them in the past nor what He had commanded them to do. Paul is striving to ensure that Timothy doesn't fall into a similar case of what we've come to call "*gospel amnesia*". Remember Jesus, Timothy! Don't forget His amazing Grace, His atoning Compassion, and His death-overcoming Power! Remember that you are perfectly loved, perfectly approved of, completely forgiven because of Him!

So, as we pray concerning our upcoming synod with the theme *Remember Jesus*, let me make a few suggestions as to how we might intercede:

1. Pray that each attendee, whether they be a bishop, priest, deacon, lay delegate or observer, might be deeply refreshed and strengthened in both their knowledge and experience of the grace that is in Christ Jesus for them.
2. Pray for those at the ANiC office and the host church, St. George's Burlington, who have responsibility for all the logistics and details of synod, that they, too, might remember Jesus in the midst of their tasks. Pray that they would remember and believe His promise that "*My Grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness*". (2 Cor. 12:9)
3. Pray for those delegates for whom the past year may have been difficult or disappointing, either personally or in their parish ministry. Ask the Lord to give them a fresh vision of Jesus' approval of them and His purpose for them. May they grasp that they are His beloved and in whom He is well pleased.
4. Pray for a clear and unified word by the Holy Spirit from all who teach, whether at clergy day, workshops, or morning Bible studies and worship services, that all might return to their respective parishes with renewed passion that, despite whatever circumstances, "the Word of God is not bound" and that the power of the Gospel of Christ is still able to bring transformation to the darkest life.
5. Pray for all of ANiC, whether an attendee at synod or not, that we would remember Jesus!

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*Please see also specific prayers for synod in the calendar, days 24-27



Praying through October 2017

1. **Our province and primate** – Pray for **Archbishop Foley Beach** (& Allison). May God glorify Himself through the ACNA and give us a passion for sharing the Gospel.
2. **Our diocese** – Pray for the **Anglican Network in Canada** and our congregations. Pray for **revival** in our churches. We desperately need the Lord.
3. Pray for **Bishop Charlie Masters** (& Judy) as he leads ANiC. May God grant him the health, strength, discernment and passion he needs for this heavy responsibility.
4. Pray for ANiC's suffragan bishops: **Bishops Stephen Leung** (& Nona) and **Trevor Walters** (& Dede). Pray for wisdom and vision as they care for clergy and churches.
5. **Bishop Don Harvey** (& Trudy) – Pray for Bishop Don in his roles as ANiC's episcopal vicar and as senior chaplain to the ACNA College of Bishops.
6. Pray for our retired bishops, **Bishop Ron Ferris** (& Jan) and **Bishop Malcolm Harding** (& Marylou). Thank God for their fruitful ministries.
7. Pray for the new **Missionary Bishop Andy Lines** (& Mandy), who was consecrated at the ACNA Assembly on the 30th June. Given the disappointing decisions by the recent Church of England general synod, his ministry to orthodox evangelicals will be very important.
8. **ANiC council, chancellor & registrar** – Pray for wisdom and servant hearts as they serve ANiC. May they know God's leading, seek His will, and experience His joy.
9. **ANiC staff & volunteers** – Pray for strength for the tasks, faithfulness in service, & joy in the Lord. May God's blessing rest on ANiC as we seek to know, love & serve Him.
10. **Asian & Multicultural Ministries in Canada (AMMiC)** – May God bless this ministry as it reaches ethnic communities & new immigrants with the Gospel & plants churches
11. **ANiC's 5 Ministry Priorities** – Pray that God will use these to transform us and our churches: **Bold witnesses; Biblically grounded; Loving children; On mission; and Planting churches.**
12. **Anglican Relief & Development Fund Canada** – Pray for our project to raise funds to build a desperately needed clinic which will offer inexpensive healthcare in the port city of Douala in the Diocese of Cameroon.
13. **ANiC's New England congregations**
 - Holy Trinity (Marlborough, MA)
 - Holy Trinity (Attleboro, MA)
 - Emmanuel - Chinese (Boston, MA)
 - St Brigid of Kildare (Medway, MA)
 - All Saints' (Rutland, VT)
14. **ANiC congregations in Newfoundland & the Atlantic Provinces**
 - St Stephen the Martyr (St John's, NL)
 - Good Samaritan (St John's, NL)
 - Resurrection (Halifax, NS)
 - Christ the King (Quispamsis, NB)
15. **ANiC congregations in Quebec**
 - St Timothy's (Montreal area)
 - Emmaus (Westmount, Montreal)
 - St James (Lennoxville)
16. **ANiC congregations in the Ottawa, Ontario area**
 - Faith (Embrun)
 - Messiah (Ottawa)
 - St Peter & St Paul's (Ottawa)
 - Eternal Hope (Carleton Place)
 - St Luke's (Pembroke)
 - Blackburn Hamlet Community (Ottawa)
 - Grace (Mississippi Mills)
17. **ANiC congregations in Ontario**
 - St Aidan's (Windsor)
 - Cornerstone Anglican Church (Sarnia)
 - The Way (Wasaga Beach)
 - St Aidan's at River's Bend (Belle River)
 - New Life (Sturgeon Falls)
 - The Gate (Sault Ste Marie)
18. **ANiC congregations in Ontario**
 - St Hilda's (Oakville)
 - St George's (Burlington)
 - Good Shepherd (St Catharines)
 - St Peter by the Park (Hamilton)
 - Epiphany (Hamilton)
 - St Jude (Guelph)

19. ANiC congregations in Greater Toronto and eastern Ontario

- St Chad's (Toronto)
- Christ The King (Toronto)
- Bethel South Asian (Brampton)
- St James Fellowship (Trenton)
- Celebration Church (Barrie)
- New Song (Port Perry)
- Living Waters (Kingston)

20. ANiC congregations in Saskatchewan & Manitoba

- Resurrection (Brandon, MB)
- Redeemer (Dauphin, MB)
- St Bede's (Kinosota, MB)
- Cornerstone (Regina, SK)

21. ANiC congregations in Alberta

- Holy Trinity - Filipino (Edmonton)
- Christ the King (Edmonton)
- Living Water (Athabasca)
- Grace Anglican (Calgary)
- Good Shepherd - Cantonese (Calgary)

22. ANiC congregations in the Fraser Valley & Interior of BC

- Ascension (Langley)
- Saint Matthew's (Abbotsford)
- Church of the Holy Cross (Abbotsford)
- Resurrection (Kelowna)
- Christ Church (Kelowna)
- South Okanagan Project (Oliver)

23. ANiC congregations in the Vancouver, BC area

- St John's Vancouver
- St John's Richmond
- St Peter's Fireside (Vancouver)
- Sojourn Church (UBC, Vancouver)
- Immanuel Church (Vancouver)
- St Andrews (Delta)

24. ANiC archdeacons, canons & all clergy as they gather for the annual Clergy Day just prior to synod at St. George's, Burlington. May it be a time of rich fellowship, encouraging teaching, and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

25. Synod Workshop Day. Pray for all those leading the seven different workshops. Topics include "the Five Solas" that will equip and encourage attendees to engage unbelievers in a meaningful conversation about the Gospel. The other two workshops concern Church Buildings, and Catechism. Please pray for open hearts to receive from the Lord.

26. Opening Day at ANiC Synod 2017. Please pray for a mighty visitation of the Lord upon our 10th anniversary synod. Pray for Bishop Charlie Masters as he delivers the Bishop's Charge, both a retrospective of the past decade and clear vision for the future. Pray for God's guidance during the brief but important business and financial deliberations.

27. Final Day of Synod. Pray for the delegates that they may return home with fresh understanding of our Five Ministry Priorities and how they could be applied in each one's parish. Pray that the Lord will grant peace and safety for all of those traveling back across the continent.

28. ANiC congregations in the Vancouver, BC area

- St Matthias and St Luke (Vancouver)
- All Nations – Japanese
- Good Shepherd Vancouver – Chinese
- Good Shepherd Richmond – Chinese
- St John's – Sudanese (Surrey)
- St Timothy's (North Vancouver)

29. ANiC congregations on Vancouver Island & Sunshine Coast

- Open Gate Church (Victoria)
- Church of Our Lord (Victoria)
- The Table (Victoria, Saanich Peninsula)
- Living Edge (Victoria)
- Christ's Church (Oceanside)
- Christ the Redeemer (Pender Harbour)

30. Pray for **those in authority** over us, especially elected officials. We pray particularly with our brothers and sisters in New England for **God's intervention** in the escalating polarization and violence within the United States.

31. Pray for a **fresh outpouring of repentance and revival** upon our nations and our world! *"Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!"*
Isaiah 64:1-2 ESV

Note: for further info about specific ANiC parishes see http://anglicannetwork.ca/member_parish.htm