

The Charlottetown Christian Reformed Church

exists to be a unified community of believers which . . .

- Loves and Worships God,
- Loves and Cares for each other,
- Encourages and Equips each other to live for Christ,
- Reaches out to a broken world to tell others about Jesus.



**The Charlottetown CRC praying together as we reach
out to others with the love of Christ...**

April 2020

In order to make our church's monthly Prayer Brochure as relevant as possible, **we would like information on what is happening in the lives of our congregation members.**

- Do you belong to an organization that has an annual meeting coming up?
- Do you belong to a group that is looking for volunteers?
- Would you or a group you belong to like us to pray for a specific cause?

If you have information you would like to see included in the Prayer Brochure, please connect with one of the Prayer Brochure Team Members: Joanne McIsaac, Cynthia Speelman and Monique Mowat (ex officio). Email Joanne McIsaac at jomcisaac@hotmail.com or phone her at 902-676-2951 or connect with any team member after church.

We encourage you to add notes regarding your personal prayers in the space provided. Why not also check the church bulletin on a weekly basis for up-to-date requests for petitioning, thanksgiving and praise?

<p><u>Members of the Christian Reformed Church:</u> This week we pray for members of the international body of believers of the Christian Reformed Church and for our families and friends around the world. As COVID-19 sends the globe into a crisis, it also sends us to our knees. Along with praying individually, we want to pray collectively as a church. We believe that there is a God who bends His ear to listen, and so we pray.</p>		<p>This week's personal concerns and current requests as per the bulletin:</p>
<p>Mon. March 30</p>	<p>Father, we pray for those who are infected with COVID-19. Sustain their bodies and their spirits and heal them, we pray. We cry out to You to contain the spread of the infection.</p>	<p>This week please pray for Council member: Deacon <u>Adam DeVries.</u></p>
<p>Tues. March 31</p>	<p>Lord, we pray for our vulnerable populations. Protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor, we pray, especially those with insufficient insurance. Help the deacons of our church know how to best allocate the funds that have been set aside for times such as these.</p>	<p>Please pray for our college and university students whose courses of study have changed so drastically, whose placements have been canceled, & whose graduations are uncertain: ask God to show them that while life is uncertain, their trust is in Him.</p>
<p>Wed. April 1</p>	<p>Jesus, we pray for the young and the strong – give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease. Inspire them to help others in appropriate ways.</p>	<p>Please also pray for those who will be leading us in worship during the Easter season:</p>
<p>Thurs. April 2</p>	<p>Father, we pray for our provincial and federal governments; help them as they make difficult decisions and as they allocate the necessary resources for combatting this pandemic.</p>	<p>Pastor Josh Schatzle, Anna Osinga (Palm Sunday), Heather De Boer (Maundy Thurs), Linda Burns (Good Friday) and Angela Van Nieuwenhuizen (Easter Sunday)</p>
<p>Fri. April 3</p>	<p>Lord, we pray for members of our scientific community who are leading the charge to understand this disease and to communicate its gravity. Give them the needed knowledge and wisdom.</p>	
<p>Sat. April 4</p>	<p>Jesus, we pray for the media; help them in their commitment to provide up-to-date information. Help them to communicate with appropriate seriousness without causing panic.</p>	
<p>Sun. April 5</p>	<p>Father, today we pray for those with mental health challenges, those who feel isolated, anxious and helpless. We ask You to provide them with the support they need.</p>	

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<p>Mon. April 6</p>	<p>Lord, we pray for Christian missionaries throughout the world, especially in areas with high rates of infection: God, provide them with words of hope, and equip them to love and serve those around them.</p>	<p>This week please pray for CG East Elder <u>Randy Visser</u>.</p> <p>Please pray for all our university and college students during this stressful time as they finish their semesters and write final exams under these extra-ordinary circumstances.</p> <p>Please also pray for those who help make the online viewing of our church services possible: Thank You, God, for Maurice Chiasson and the others who work in the sound booth and with LCD projections.</p>
<p>Tues. April 7</p>	<p>Father we pray for workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: God keep them from panic and inspire Your church to generously support them. We also pray for the business leaders making difficult decisions that affect the lives of their employees. God, give these women and men wisdom and help them to lead self-sacrificially.</p>	
<p>Wed. April 8</p>	<p>Jesus, we pray for families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and the flourishing of their children. For single mothers and fathers, please grow their networks of support.</p>	
<p>Thurs. April 9</p>	<p>Lord, we pray for parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children, God please present them with creative solutions.</p>	
<p>Fri. April 10</p>	<p>Jesus, on this Good Friday, we pray for Christians in every neighbourhood, community, and city; may Your Holy Spirit inspire us to pray, to give, to love, to serve and to proclaim Your Gospel, that Your Name might be glorified around the world.</p>	
<p>Sat. April 11</p>	<p>Father, we pray for pastors and church leaders faced with the challenges of shepherding their congregations during this time of physical distancing. Help them to creatively imagine how to pastor their congregations well.</p>	
<p>Sun. April 12</p>	<p>Hallelujah! You are risen! May we may proclaim this truth not only with our words but also with our actions. We pray this specifically during this time of stress and uncertainty – help us to love You above all and our neighbours as ourselves.</p>	

<p><u>Members of the Christian Reformed Church:</u> This week we once again pray for members of the international body of believers of the Christian Reformed Church and also for our families and friends scattered around the world. This week our focus will specifically be on those requiring health care and on those providing it.</p>		<p>This week's personal concerns and current requests as per the bulletin:</p>
<p>Mon. April 13</p>	<p>Lord, we pray for those in need of regular therapies and treatments – many of which have now been postponed; strengthen our ill brothers and sisters, we pray, and help them to remain patient and positive.</p>	<p>This week please pray for Council member: Deacon <u>Rinse DeBoer.</u></p>
<p>Tues. April 14</p>	<p>We thank You, Father, for front-line healthcare workers; Doctors, Nurses, Cleaning Staff and many others who work behind the scenes. We pray that You will keep them and their families safe and healthy.</p>	
<p>Wed. April 15</p>	<p>Lord, we pray that healthcare workers will be knowledgeable about the diagnosis and treatment of this disease as well as the constantly changing protocols.</p>	
<p>Thurs. April 16</p>	<p>Jesus, we pray that everyone involved in the healthcare field will stay clear-minded in the midst of the surrounding panic; deliver them from anxiety for the well-being of their own loved ones.</p>	
<p>Fri. April 17</p>	<p>God, we pray for financial stability for everyone working in the healthcare field; provide for them, Lord, especially if they fall ill and become unable to work.</p>	
<p>Sat. April 18</p>	<p>Lord, help Christians in every aspect of healthcare to exhibit extraordinary peace, so that many would ask about the reason for their hope; give them the opportunity and the confidence to proclaim the Gospel.</p>	
<p>Sun. April 19</p>	<p>God, we trust that You are good and do good. Teach us to be Your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down His life for the sake of love. Glorify His name as You equip us with everything needed for doing Your will.</p>	

<p><u>Earth Day and Charlottetown Mission Thrift Store:</u> Mission Thrift Stores believe that the earth and everything in it belongs to God and that we are placed on this earth to take care of and nurture it. The goal of each MTS is to repair/resell/recycle the goods that make their way into the store and to convert these donations into cash that supports a Joint Ministry between BFM Foundation (Canada) and Bible League Canada. During this Earth week, we pray for our local Mission Thrift Store and its Green Goals.</p>		<p>This week's personal concerns and current requests as per the bulletin:</p>
<p>Mon. April 20</p>	<p>Father, as we begin Earth Week, we remember the vulnerable people who are experiencing the impact of climate-change related events right now – in many cases they are losing access to food and water. Help us do our part to rectify this situation.</p>	<p>This week please pray for CG South Elder <u>Gary Meijer</u>.</p> <p>Please pray for our university & college students who are graduating this year. Pray that they may keep God at the center of their lives whether they go on to further studies or enter the work force.</p>
<p>Tues. April 21</p>	<p>God, we believe You call us to be Earth's caretakers and we pray that we will be good stewards of Your creation. We pray that we will be aware when we are being misled into worshiping Your creation instead of worshiping You as Creator of all.</p>	
<p>Wed. April 22</p>	<p>Lord, on this Earth Day, we thank You for providing practical ways to be obedient caretakers of Your creation - ways such as donating to and buying from our local Mission Thrift Store.</p>	
<p>Thurs. April 23</p>	<p>Jesus, we pray for the Board of Directors and Store Management of the Charlottetown Mission Thrift Store. Please continue to bless the board members as they work in unity doing Your work behind the scenes. We thank You for Your continued guidance to the Board in helping them make good decisions financially. We thank You for the faithful dedication of Store Management as they guide daily operations.</p>	
<p>Fri. April 24</p>	<p>Thank You, Lord, for the many members of our congregation who volunteer at the Charlottetown Mission Thrift Store. We thank You for the blessing they are to their co-workers, to the success of the Store and to the community as a whole. We pray for more volunteers to work in the Store, people who wish to have fun while working with others in a commitment to raise funds to provide Scriptures and Training worldwide.</p>	
<p>Sat. April 25</p>	<p>Father, we thank You for the response of the people of this community and surrounding area as they continue to generously donate to the Charlottetown Mission Thrift Store.</p>	
<p>Sun. April 26</p>	<p>Oh Lord, here too the COVID-19 virus is causing complications. We pray for the health of those involved in the Mission Thrift Store ministry. We also pray that this ministry might be able to maintain its financial stability despite having to temporarily close its stores.</p>	

<p><u>Medical Ministry in North Korea:</u> Dr. Paul No and his wife Anna Kim have been attending our church for over 10 years. Before and during this time, they have been involved in a Medical Ministry in North Korea. The Ministry's base is in China with organizational help being provided by a group in Toronto. This is a difficult and dangerous ministry.</p>		<p>This week's personal concerns and current requests as per the bulletin:</p>
<p>Mon. April 27</p>	<p>Lord, we pray for the many North Koreans who have never explicitly heard or will ever hear the message of the Gospel. Although no one is allowed to speak openly about Jesus in this country, we pray that through the actions and service of the Medical personnel, Your message will be "heard" & made clear.</p>	<p>This week please pray for Com Group North Elder <u>Charlie VanKampen.</u></p> <p>Please pray for our university & college students who are graduating this year. Pray that they may keep God at the center of their lives whether they go on to further studies or enter the work force.</p>
<p>Tues. April 28</p>	<p>Father, we thank You for the medical progress Dr. No and his teammates have been able to accomplish over their years of work in North Korea. We thank You for the improvements they have affected despite the myriad of restrictions, the primitive conditions, the meagre equipment & supplies and the constant dangers of religious persecution.</p>	
<p>Wed. April 29</p>	<p>Jesus, please help this ministry as it faces increasingly difficult times due to the Coronavirus. Canadian missionaries and doctors, including Dr. No and Anna, are now unable to travel and minister to the people of North Korea. We pray for the cessation of the virus so that the Medical Ministry can carry out its mission work.</p>	
<p>Thurs. April 30</p>	<p>The lack of necessities such as medicine when the Medical Team is not present at the hospital, makes it difficult for the patients to recover well. We pray, Lord, that the local doctors will be able to provide care and treatment for patients even when Dr. No and his team are unable to be there. We pray that through this hard time, the local workers will have a sense of Your presence.</p>	
<p>Fri. May 1</p>	<p>Father, we pray for a blessing on the fundraising music concert that is being planned for August on PEI. We pray that fellow Christians attend the concert and come to a better understanding of Your mission in North Korea. We pray that the musicians will be able to play to honour and glorify You and You alone.</p>	
<p>Sat. May 2</p>	<p>Lord, as travel to North Korea would be less complicated for Dr. Paul if he were travelling with a Canadian passport, we pray that You expedite his Canadian citizenship application so that he might have fewer issues as he travels for this Ministry.</p>	
<p>Sun. May 3</p>	<p>Here we are in Charlottetown, Jesus, with an opportunity to love our neighbours on the other side of the world. Help us know how we can be involved in this Ministry in North Korea and show us how to support Dr. Paul and Anna. Lay this ministry on the hearts of those who are able to make a difference, we pray.</p>	

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